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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam ship BURMAH, 1,025 tons, 200 H.P., Commander H. T. Dickinson, will be despatched on the 25th October 1870, at noon.

Leave Bombay	Oct. 25	Leave Colombo	Nov. 1
„ Ratnagherry	26	„ Galle	2
„ Vingorla	26	„ Negapatam	5
„ Carwar	27	„ Pondicherry	6
„ Mangalore	28	„ Madras	9
„ Cannanore	29	„ Coconada	11
„ Tellicherry	29	„ Vizagapatam	11
„ Calicut	29	„ Bimlipatam	12
„ Beypore	29	„ Gopalpore	13
„ Cochin	30	„ False Point	14
„ Tuticorin	31	Arrive Calcutta	15

This route is the most expeditious and economical for passengers for the Neilgherry district, Bangalore and Madras who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route picking up the Steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE,

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

The Steam ship COMORIN, 453 tons, 80 H.P., Commander D. G. Osborne, will be despatched on the 17th October 1870, at noon.

Up.	Oct.	Down.	Nov.
Leave Bombay	17	Leave Bussorah	4
„ Kurrachee	21	„ Mahomerah	4
„ Guadur	22	„ Fao	4
„ Muscat	25	„ Bushire	6
„ Bunder Abbas	27	„ Linga	8
„ Lingah	28	„ Bunder Abbas	10
„ Bushire	31	„ Muscat	12
„ Fao .....Nov.	1	„ Guadur	14
„ Mahomerah	2	„ Kurrachee	16
Arrive Bussorah	2	Arrive Bombay	19

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday, at noon.

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W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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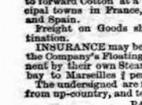
(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA (in case of need), and MARSEILLES.



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INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped to the Continent by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

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(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

To Aden	1st Class. £ 29	2nd Class. £ 15	Deck. £ 5
„ Suez	£ 40	£ 22-10	£ 8
„ Port Said	£ 42	£ 24	£ 9
„ Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36	£ 14

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

The Company issue Return Tickets available for six months, deducting 20 per cent from the cost of the Return Passage.

The Steamers carry both Doctor and Stewardess.

Departures from Marseilles on the 1st and from Bombay about the 7th of each month.

In accordance with the above, the s. s. EUROPE, 3,500 Tons, Captain Martino, will be despatched on or about the 7th December next.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 10th October 1870.

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Press having leased (among other privileges) from the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company, the exclusive right of advertising at all the Railway Stations belonging to these two Companies, is prepared to contract with parties desirous of posting Notices or Advertisements on the lines.

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"Bombay Gazette" Press, 1869.

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"Superior preparation that may always be relied upon."—Sir Astley Cooper.

"We are in every respect satisfied with it."—Lancet.

"We recommend your Sarsaparilla as the best."—Medical Review.

Sold in ½, ¼, and pint bottles.

Caution.—Many spurious, worthless, and injurious preparations are offered to the Public; see that both Bottle and Label have the Name and Address also Trade Mark (W in a diam ond.)

QUINTESSENCE of JAMAICA GINGER and CAMOMILE.

WILKINSON'S preparation of Ginger and Camomile has long been deservedly known as an excellent domestic medicine. It is a most efficient Stomachic Tonic, and the best remedy for Flatulency and disorders arising from impaired digestion.

It is not affected by climate.

No European in Ind a or Tropical Countries should be without.

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AROMATIC TINCTURE of QUINODINE.

For the prevention of Fever, Ague, and effects of Malaria.

An unfailing remedy.

It may be mentioned that those who, during the campaign in the Crimea, daily took a small quantity, passed entirely unharmed through the raking fire of Fever and Dysentery that thinned the ranks around them.

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And of all the principal Firms in India and the Colonies.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE Via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, take cargo to Liverpool, London, and Havre, via the Canal.

Rates of Fare for Passengers.

To Liverpool via Suez Canal—1st class £50; 2nd class £35.....
To Suez—1st class £40; 2nd class £22 10s.....
To Trieste (exclusive of Transit)—1st class £53; 2nd class £34.
} Exclusive of Wines.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Hathborne & Co., Alexandria; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 8th June 1870.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Sunday, the 16th October, at 8 A.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. CHINA, (2,010 tons, and 450 H. P.,) Captain J. C. Bagot, WILL LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H.M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Barcelona and Havre, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on 14th instant.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels, employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon by noon on the day before the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

Passengers who prefer going on board the night before will be allowed to do so.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 7 A.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

PASSPORTS.

PASSENGERS intending to TRAVEL via MARSEILLES or BRINDISI are requested to take NOTICE, that it will be necessary to PROVIDE themselves with PASSPORTS vised by the French Consul, before leaving Bombay.

REDUCED PARCEL RATES.

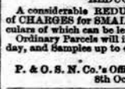
A considerable REDUCTION has been made in the TARIFF of CHARGES for SMALL PARCELS to ENGLAND, &c., particulars of which can be learnt on application at this Office.

Ordinary Parcels will in future be received up to noon on Mail day, and Samples up to 4 P.M.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 8th October 1870.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.



THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. ORISSA, (1,646 tons, and 300 H.P.,) Captain P. S. Towlin, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th October, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 25th instant.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 13th October 1870.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear:—

REQUIREMENTS.

4	Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1	Rug with straps.
2	„ Under Vests.	1	Maud.
1	„ Linen Collars.	1	Inverness Cape.
1	„ Fine Cotton Socks.	1	Hand Portmanteau.
1	„ Fine Merino Socks.	1	Overland Trunk.
1	„ Fine Merino Drawers.	1	Clothes Bag.
1	„ Colored Handkerchiefs.	1	Travelling Hat.
1	White Cambric.	1	Courier Bag.
1	Overland Suit.	1	Easy Chair.
1	Sleeping Suits.	1	Umbrella.
2	Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1	Pair of Brushes.
6	Scarfs and Ties.		Ladies' Overland Trunks.

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

Bombay. BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD and COMPANY, 3, Marine Street, Bombay.

SALE OF ENGLISH ALUM.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 15th inst., at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by public auction, in Catha Bazaar, near Musjid Bunder, in Warehouse No. 151, on account of Sha Virbookandass Hurrybhoy, by order of Sha Gungadass Viruj bookandass,

1,462 Casks English Alum.

SALE OF TIMBER.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 15th inst., at 3 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by public auction, at Tank Bunder—

120 Logs Teak Square about 24 Tons.

N.B.—The above will be sold in small convenient lots to suit purchasers.

AUCTION SALE OF WORKSHOP TOOLS.

(If not previously disposed of privately.)

On WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by public auction, at the premises of the Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, Mazagon, a large quantity of Engineers', Blacksmiths', and Coppersmiths' tools, comprising Forges, Anvils, Iron Slabs, top and bottom Swages for Steam Hammer use, Withworth's Stocks Taps, and Dies, Mast's taps and chasers, a large assortment of valuable patterns, a complete set of Boilermakers' tools, and a complete set of Coppersmiths' tools.

Catalogues are being published.

Bombay, 15th October 1870. CRAWFORD & Co.

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The Bombay Price Current contains:—

A Specially-Written Market Report.
Freight Report, with statement of Ships chartered, &c.
Export Manifests of Vessels which have sailed during the Fortnight.
Quotations of Imports and Exports, and Customs' Duties.
Comparative Summary of Exports from Bombay, up to date, as per Ships' Manifests, with the total Exports for the three months, and for the same period as far back as 1862.
Comparative Summaries of Imports of Piece Goods and of Yarns into Bombay from Great Britain up to date, with the total for the three months and the same period as far back as 1862 and 1869 respectively.
Share List and Rates of Exchange.
List of Vessels in Bombay Harbour on the date of publication, and of arrivals and departures of Vessels during the fortnight.

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"Bombay Gazette" Office, Meadow Street, Fort.

TAPTEE BRIDGE.—DESIGNS and TENDERS received by the undersigned up to January 15th, 1871. PRESENT their DELIVERY ORDERS for our countersignature, and to PAY their FREIGHT to us immediately; the Steamer will commence discharging to-morrow morning.

WALLACE & Co.,
Agents for Captain Wilkinson.

Bombay, 14th October 1870.

TOBACCOS.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
BIRD'S-EYE, WILLS' } Do. } lb. tin or box	1 0	1 2
	1 14	2 2
CUT CAVENDISH, WILLS' } LATAKIA WILLS' } lb. tin or box.	1 0	1 2
	„ „ „	1 0	1 2
SMOKING MIXTURE, WILLS'	„ „ „	1 0	1 2
REAL TURKEY, for Cigarettes, 6 toz. tin	2 0	2 4
VIRGINIAN CAVENDISH, Finest, per lb.	1 4	1 8

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

TOILET SOAPS

Reduced to English rates.

PERFUMED 1s. 6d. BAR SOAPS,

Brown Windsor,	Honey,	Oatmeal,
Elder Flower,	Lavender,	Rose,
Glycerine,	Marshmallow,	Sunflower Oil.

Each Cash as. 10. Credit ac. 12.

PERFUMED TABLET SOAPS.

1s. 6d. Box (of same sorts as above) Cash as. 12; Credit as. 14.

SOLE AGENTS FOR PEARS & SON,

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SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL ROUTE.

VIA BRINDISI to England and the Continent of Europe, in connection at Suez with the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL CO.'S STEAMERS.

Time saved over other routes about 48 hours.
Sea passage from Alexandria 74 hours, weather permitting.
Entire journey from Alexandria to London 140 hours.
Fares:—Alexandria to Paris, 1st cl. £20 6s. 8d.; 2nd cl. £15 0s. 0d.
To London, 1st cl. £23 4s. 0d.; 2nd cl. £16 10s. 0d.

On arrival of the weekly fast steamer from Alexandria, carrying the SUPPLEMENTARY INDIAN MAIL, an express train is run from Brindisi by the SOUTH ITALIAN RAILWAY on route for London via Ancona, Bologna, Turin, Mont Cenis, Paris, Calais, and Dover.

The GREAT EAST INDIA HOTEL at Brindisi, under the control of the Company, is now open.

The SOUTH ITALIAN RAILWAY COMPANY'S Agents in London—Lebeau & Co., 6, Billiter Street, E. C.

NOTICES.

BOMBAY CRICKET CLUB.—The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS will be HELD in the Club Tent, on the Esplanade, on TUESDAY the 18th instant at 5-15 P.M.

C. A. W. CAMERON,
Acting Honorary Secretary B. C. C.

NOTICE.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the BOMBAY BOOK DEBT LOAN of 1st May 1865 will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st INSTANT, inclusive.

Holders of the abovementioned Stock should present their Certificates at this Office when applying for Dividend Warrants, which will be ready for delivery on the 1st proximo.

W. FRASER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Public Debt Office, New Bank of Bombay (Limited), 13th October 1870.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (In Liquidation.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that the BOMBAY OFFICE of this Company is CLOSED from this date inclusive. All future Communications to be addressed to the undersigned.

C. H. OGBOURNE,
Attorney for the Official Liquidators.

Calcutta, 1st October 1870.

NOTICE.—TENDERS are invited by the undersigned for the right to EXCAVATE SAND from the foreshore of their Property situated at Revna Moria, Angria's Colaba, during the present season. Applications will be received up to 12th instant, and any further information given by the London, Asiatic, and American Company, Limited. The undersigned do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender.

CHARLES E. BENN, Joint Manager.

Bombay, 7th October 1870.

MUNICIPALITY of BOMBAY.—NOTICE.—TENDERS are invited for the CONSTRUCTION of a MARKET, opposite the Dockyard, at Mazagon.

Plans and Specifications of the above work may be inspected at the Office of the Executive Engineer to the Municipality, where printed forms of Tender may be obtained.

Tenders to be delivered at the Municipal Commissioner's Office on or before 5 P.M. on the 20th October 1870.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner,
H. TULLOCH, Captain R. E.,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Bombay, Executive Engineer's Office, 11th October 1870.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.—NOTICE.—TENDERS are invited for the COMPLETION of the following ROADS:—

1. Road from Elphinstone Road to Purbadavee, Mahim.
2. Branch Road from Jackaria's Bunder to Sewree Burial Ground.

Plans and Specification of the above works may be inspected at the Office of the Executive Engineer to the Municipality, where printed forms of Tender may also be obtained.

In the event of any of the above Contracts being let, Contractors must be prepared to commence work in November 1870.

Each Tender is to be sealed, and to bear an endorsement on the Cover stating to which of the above works it relates.

Tenders to be delivered at the Municipal Commissioner's Office on or before 5 P.M. on the 20th October 1870.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
H. TULLOCH, Captain R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Bombay, Executive Engineer's Office, 6th October 1870.

NOTICE.

THE PROLONGATION OF THE

WAR IN FRANCE,

and the consequent uncertainty of supplies from

THE CHAMPAGNÈ DISTRICTS,

compel us to ADVANCE, from this date, the PRICE of the higher brands of our SPARKLING WINES, viz:—

QUARTS, from Rs. 36 to Rs. 40 per dozen.
PINTS, from Rs. 19-8 to Rs. 22 per dozen.

The supply even at these rates we cannot long guarantee

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.,
Bombay.

27th September 1870.

TO the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY.—I hereby give NOTICE that a QUARTERLY MEETING of the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY will be HELD in the Town Hall on THURSDAY, the 20th day of October 1870, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, to consider—

1. A letter from the Clerk of the Peace intimating that the Controller of Municipal Accounts had furnished the Accounts of the preceding Quarter, and that they are on the table.
2. Auditors' Report for year ending 31st December 1868.
3. Counsel having advised that there is no objection to a Monthly Concurrent Audit in addition to the Annual Audit contemplated by the Municipal Act, the Municipal Commissioner will propose that a Monthly Concurrent Audit be instituted from the 1st January 1871.
4. The appointment of Auditors for the years 1869 and 1870.
5. The Proceedings of the Finance Committee up to date.

I HEREBY also give NOTICE that, immediately after the business of the QUARTERLY MEETING is terminated, a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY will be held—

1. To consider the Municipal Commissioner's Budget for 1871.
2. A letter from the Clerk to the Justices applying for leave of absence.

F. STANGER LEATHES,
Clerk to the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, Town Hall, October 1870.

BOMBAY OMNIBUS and GENERAL CONVEYANCE Co., No. 141, KHETWADDY ROAD.

Light and comfortable BROUGHAMS, SHIGRAMS, SOCIABLES, LANDAUS, BUGGIES, INDO-CARTS, &c., with or without Horses, CAN BE HIRED at short notice, and at moderate charges.

(See Card Circulars.)

Carriages built or repaired on the premises, under the superintendence of Mr. Burdett.

The Farriery is under the supervision of a person of skill and experience.

Horses requiring treatment, or otherwise, received into the Company's Livery Stables, and every attention paid to the animals; as also Horses on Commission Sale.

Carriages and Horses bought, sold, and exchanged.

Office in the Fort, at No. 40, Meadow Street, next to the Bombay Gazette" office.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At a large MEETING of POLICYHOLDERS of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY and its ASSOCIATED OFFICES to-day, Mr. JAMES THOMSON in the Chair, the following RESOLUTIONS were adopted:—

1. "That the Policyholders approve and accept the scheme of reconstruction prepared by the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company, and now submitted to the Meeting, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient, and be sanctioned by the Court of Chancery."
2. "That this Meeting earnestly impress upon the Policyholders the importance of sending in their individual assents to the scheme as speedily as possible, so as to strengthen the hands of the Committee in carrying the same into effect."
3. "That the Policyholders consider it desirable and agree to pay the premiums due on their respective Policies to an account to be opened at the Bank of England and the Agra Bank, Limited, in the names of Messrs. Thomson, Bell, and Major-General Cunningham, three of the Members of the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company; the premiums to be returned, in case the Scheme of Reconstruction should not be carried out, without deduction of any kind."—*Times*, 29th April 1870.

The AGRA BANK, Limited, is PREPARED to RECEIVE PREMIA on Policies in the above Company, in terms of the foregoing Resolutions.

EDWARD MORRISS,
Manager, Bombay Branch.

Bombay, 1st June 1870.

THE BOMBAY TRADING and BANKING ASSOCIATION Limited (in Liquidation).—At a GENERAL MEETING of the Registered Shareholders of the BOMBAY TRADING and BANKING ASSOCIATION, Limited, in Liquidation, held at the Office of the Association, No. 24, Victoria Buildings, Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of September, instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, 32 Shareholders and the Company's Solicitors being present, the following Resolutions were passed:—

"That Dinshaw Manockjee, Esq., do take the chair."

"That the Report of the Liquidators, and the Final Statement of Accounts of the winding up, made up to 31st August 1870, now read, be adopted and passed."

"That the Cash Balance—Rs. 629-8-6—be, and is hereby, presented to the Managers, Mr. Cooverjee Rustomjee Mody, for his valuable services to the Association in the conduct of its affairs."

"That the affairs of the Bombay Trading and Banking Association, Limited, be fairly and finally wound up."

"That all Books, Vouchers, and Papers belonging to the Bombay Trading and Banking Association, Limited, be deposited with Messrs. Leslie and Forbes, and Peile, Company's Solicitors, but that they be not responsible for any loss or damage they may sustain while in their custody."

"That the Balance of the Shareholders are due to the Liquidators and their Manager, Mr. Cooverjee Rustomjee Mody, for the able and satisfactory manner in which the Liquidation of the Association has been completed."

"That the best thanks of the Shareholders are due to the Company's Solicitors for their valuable assistance and able advice rendered to the Association in the conduct of its affairs."

"That the best thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair."

DINSHAW MANOCKJEE, Chairman.

Bombay, 3rd September 1870.

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A Tropical Sun without blistering,

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WALTER CARSON & SONS,
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FRAUD.

On the 27th June, 1866, Motherwallah, a Printer, was convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeiting the LABELS

of Messrs. CROSSE & BLACKWELL, London, and was sentenced by Mr. Justice Phear to

TWO YEARS' RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT.

And on the 30th of the same month, for SELLING SPURIOUS ARTICLES,

bearing Labels in imitation of Messrs. CROSSE & BLACK. WELL'S, SHAIK BACHOO was sentenced, by the Suburban Magistrate at Sealdah, to

TWO YEARS' RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT.

CAUTION.—Any one SELLING SPURIOUS OILMEN'S STORES, under Crosse & Blackwell's name, will be liable to the same punishment, and will be vigorously prosecuted. Purchasers are recommended to examine all goods carefully before taking delivery of them, and to destroy all bottles and jars when emptied. The Genuine Manufactures of Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell may be had from every respectable Dealer in India.

NOTICES.

MESSRS. DANCE and KNELL have just arrived per Steamship STOWELL, from England, for the purpose of CLEARING OFF a

BANKRUPTCY STOCK OF DRAPERY GOODS,

principally of a quantity of BROAD and NARROW CLOTHS, SCOTCH TWEEDS, CHEVIOTS, &c. which will be sold considerably below manufacturing prices.

No. 6, Rampart Row, Bombay, 24th September 1870.

CLARENDON HOTEL, MATHERAN.—MR. S. M. DE SOUZA, the Proprietor of the above Hotel, begs to announce that from the 25th instant the Hotel will be OPEN for the RECEPTION of VISITORS. It has excellent accommodation, and the situation is best on the Hill. Beer, Wines, Spirits, &c., of the best quality are supplied with moderate charges, and great care is taken for the comfort of Visitors.

HOPE HALL HOTEL, MATHERAN.—MR. P. MENDOSA, the Proprietor of the Hope Hall Hotel, begs to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen that he has RE-OPENED the HOTEL, which is so well known for its excellent accommodation.

Superior articles are always supplied at moderate rates, and great care is taken for the comfort of the Visitors.

Middle Cross Road, Louisa and Alexandra Point, 1st October 1870.

ICES! ICES!! ICES!!!

JEWANJEE'S EXCHANGE.

Messrs. JEEWANJEE & Co. beg to intimate that they have arranged to have Superior ICE CREAMS and WATER ICE always ready at their Tiffin Rooms, at the corner of Meadow Street and Hummum Street, at 4 Annas a Glass.

JEWANJEE'S EXCHANGE.
(By JEWANJEE & Co., Proprietors Byculla Hotel).

Messrs. JEWANJEE & Co. beg to intimate that their FIRST CLASS TIFFIN and BILLIARD ROOMS in the commodious premises at the corner of Meadow Street and Hummum Street are open daily, and that Hot-chops, Steaks, and Oysters, &c., &c., are served up in a superior style, at a minute's notice.

The Billiard Room and ordinary Tiffin Room are on the ground floor, and on the first flat there are half a dozen nicely fitted up private rooms for tiffins.

A First-class selection of WINES, SPIRITS, and BEER, &c.

JEWANJEE & Co.

THE CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN.

JEEWANJEE & Co., the Proprietors of the CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN, in thanking Visitors for the very liberal patronage extended to the Hotel in former seasons, beg to intimate that it is OPENED for the present Season.

The Chowk Hotel is the highest bungalow on Matheran Hill, and is therefore well exposed to the breeze. There is a large Verandah, from which the view is very extensive and pleasing, and also an excellent Billiard Table. Attached to the Hotel is a Range of Bedrooms, and the furnishing and thorough cleanliness maintained will, the Proprietors hope, continue to secure the comfort of Visitors and afford satisfaction. Care is taken to keep on stock a good supply of Wines, Spirits, &c., of the first quality.

Terms as before, Rs. 6 per day.

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BYCULLA (late BOMBAY) HOTEL,

(BY JEWANJEE & Co.,)

AT THE

JUNCTION OF BELLASIS AND CLARE ROADS, BYCULLA.

(Within 5 minutes walk of Byculla and Tardeo Railway Stations.)

BYCULLA HOTEL is acknowledged to to be in every respect the best in Bombay. Having been built expressly for an hotel, the building possesses advantages over bungalow hotels, and has been fitted up in such a manner as to ensure the greatest comfort to Residents and Visitors. Ample accommodation has been provided for Families. All the Apartments are lofty, and well furnished, and an excellent Table is kept. The Proprietor has taken that the Wines and other Liquors are of the first quality. Adjoining the large Dining Saloon are a Library and two good Billiard Tables. Hot and Cold Baths always ready.

JEWANJEE & Co.

BYCULLA REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

JEWANJEE AND COMPANY, Proprietors of the Byculla Hotel, beg to intimate that they have now OPENED a REFRESHMENT ESTABLISHMENT in connection with their Billiard Room, adjoining the Byculla Hotel, where Steaks, Chops, and other Refreshments can be had at any hour at reasonable prices. Care will be taken to serve only first class meats, and excellent arrangements have been made for cooking at a moment's notice, by means of a patent stove, just received from Europe, any dish in the bill of fare.

Private Rooms have been expressly built for the accommodation of Visitors, in connection with the Billiard Room, which has been refitted, and in which there are now four first-class Billiard Tables, brilliantly lighted with Gas.

Wines and Spirits and American Drinks of every description can be had at the bar of the Billiard Rooms.

ENGLISH HOTEL,

BRITISH HOTEL LANE,

APOLLO STREET.

THIS Hotel is fitted up and furnished in the most complete manner; no expense has been spared to render it the most commodious and comfortable Establishment both for Gentlemen and Families to be found in Bombay.

The Sleeping Apartments and Sitting Rooms are replete with every convenience, and the strictest regard is paid to cleanliness throughout the premises. The Table will be found to be abundantly supplied with viands of unrivalled excellence, and the Culinary Department is under the immediate supervision of the Proprietor.

The Wines, Liquors, and Beer are of the very best description, supplied from the most celebrated houses in the London and Continental Markets. The Proprietor confidently recommends this Establishment to the patronage of Travellers and Residents, all of whom may be accommodated with the comforts of a home at moderate charges.

The Hotel is pleasantly situated, and within five minutes of the Railway Station and the Apollo Bunder.

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WINE & GENERAL PURVEYING COMPANY (Ld).
ALLAHABAD BRANCH.

HOTEL DEPARTMENT ONLY.

ALLAHABAD having now become an important city, to meet its growing requirements, the Company has, at considerable expense, enlarged and improved their Hotel by the addition of an upper storey. From its central position, and close proximity to the Railway Station, the Hotel offers to Travellers, going to break their journey, a comfortable and quiet resting-place, with Refreshments of the very best.

The Hotel is on the Queen's Road, Allahabad, and within an easy walk of five minutes from the Terminus. It is fitted up and furnished in the most complete manner, and suited both for Families and Single Gentlemen; but the upper rooms are more especially adapted for Families, as they can be occupied one, two or three, en suite, with capital Bath Rooms attached. These Rooms are also, without exception, the coolest and most comfortable in the station.

The Wines, Spirits and Beer are selected from the Company's stock in Calcutta, and fresh supplies are sent monthly, thus ensuring to visitors the best and most unexceptionable articles of the kind to be procured in the North-Western Provinces.

A first-class slate Billiard Table is provided for the use of the Residents, and for the amusement during the short interval of Gentlemen passing through. The room is detached, and at some distance from the main building.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

CLARENDON FAMILY HOTEL.

(NESBIT LANE, BYCULLA.)

THE present Proprietor, who has just purchased the Property and Effects belonging to the Clarendon Family Hotel, Bombay, takes this opportunity of inviting the attention of the Gentlemen who have heretofore patronised the

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET for shares dull and drooping. Government Paper in demand.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 14.

Ricard, Ensign, 1-3rd Regiment (The Buffs), on leave, from Dapoorie.

Carleton, Lieutenant-Colonel, Royal Artillery, to rejoin, from Bangalore.

Cotton, Lieutenant, 21st Hussars, on leave, from Madras.

Welman, Ensign, 85th (King's) Light Infantry, to appear before a medical board, from Mecan Meer.

Hawes, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, from Loodiana.

Malcaster, Major General, Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, from Simla.

Spottiswoode, Captain, 21st Hussars, on duty, from Lucknow.

Lethbridge, Major, 109th Regiment, on leave, from Meerut.

DEPARTURES.—OCTOBER 14.

Wood, Colonel, 14th Regiment N. I., on leave, to Matheran.

Baily, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on leave, to Ellichpore.

Carleton, Lieutenant-Colonel, Royal Artillery, on leave, to Kamptee.

Cotton, Lieutenant, 21st Hussars, on leave, to Lucknow.

BOMBAY DISTRICT ORDER.

Bombay, 14th October 1870.

District Orders, para 4, of the 28th ultimo, is cancelled.

Reveille will be sounded at all stations in the district at 5 A.M. until further orders.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, Oct. 8.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Apothecary S. Turvey, of the Subordinate Medical Department, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department at his own request.

The Hon'ble Sir C. P. Hobhouse, Baronet, a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, availed himself on the afternoon of the 26th September of leave of absence granted to him.

Mr F. D. Chauntrell, Government Solicitor at Calcutta, has obtained one month's leave of absence, without pay.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Central India Horse, consequent on the departure of Major C. James, on furlough to Europe:—

2nd Regiment.

Major J. D. Hall, 3rd Squadron Officer, at present officiating as 2nd in Command and in charge of the 1st Regiment, to revert to the 2nd Regiment as officiating 2nd in Command and in charge of the regiment, until further orders.

1st Regiment.

Captain A. G. Mayne, 2nd Squadron Officer to officiate as 2nd in Command and in charge of the regiment until further orders.

Lieutenant R. J. H. Wyllie, 1st Squadron Subaltern, and officiating 3rd Squadron Officer, to officiate as 2nd Squadron Officer.

Lieutenant F. A. Wilson, officiating 1st Squadron Subaltern, to officiate as 3rd Squadron Officer, in addition to his other duties.

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council is pleased to confirm the following Station Order issued by Colonel G. Jackson, Commanding at Deolee, dated the 18th of October 1869:—

Assistant Surgeon J. Macgregor, attached to the Deolee Irregular Force, having passed the prescribed examination in Hindustani according to the lower standard, has been placed in medical charge of the Deolee Irregular Force, with effect from the 12th October 1869.

The services of Lieutenant A. DeC. Renwick, B. S. C., Quarter Master of the 35th (The Mynpoorie) Regiment of Native Infantry, are placed at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab for employment as an Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd class in that Province.

In consequence of the return from furlough to Europe of Major M. B. S. Lloyd, Deputy Commissioner of the 1st grade in British Burma, the following changes have been made in the Commission of that Province, with effect from the 24th July 1870:—

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Browne, officiating Deputy Commissioner of the 1st grade, to revert to his substantive appointment as Deputy Commissioner of the 2nd grade.

Captain C. O. L. Prendergast, officiating Deputy Commissioner of the 4th grade, to officiate as Assistant Commissioner of the 1st grade.

Mr. H. Beckett, officiating Assistant Commissioner of the 1st grade, to officiate as Assistant Commissioner of the 2nd Grade.

The services of Captain W. G. Hughes, officiating Deputy Commissioner of the 4th grade in British Burmah, are placed at the disposal of the Home Department for employment as Town Magistrate of Akyab.

Captain C. H. A. Gower, Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd grade in British Burmah, to officiate as Assistant Commissioner of the 2nd grade in the absence of Mr. D. F. Lonsdale, who has obtained sick leave, or until further orders.

Mr. C. Duke, Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd grade in British Burmah, to officiate as Assistant Commissioner of the 2nd grade in the room of Mr. R. F. St. A. St. John, who has been appointed to officiate as Superintendent of Hill Tribes in Northern Arrakan, or until further orders.

Mr. A. Hough, Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd grade in British Burmah, has been granted leave to Europe on medical certificate for twenty months.

Lieutenant H. B. Abbott, officiating Assistant Agent to the Governor-General for the States of Rajpootana, has passed, with credit, the examination in Indian History, International Law, Indian Treatise, Jurisprudence and Political Economy, as prescribed in the Notification in this Department, No. 1484, dated 5th December 1861.

Captain C. H. Plowden, officiating Assistant Commissioner of the 1st class in the Central Provinces, to officiate as Deputy Commissioner of the 4th class until further orders.

The services of Ensign J. A. L. Montgomery, of the 92nd Foot, 1st Wing Subaltern of the 4th Sikh Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force, a probationer for the Bengal Staff Corps, are placed at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab for appointment as an Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd class.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. E. Cooke received charge from Mr. C. R. Kiernander of the office of Deputy Accountant General, Central Provinces, on the afternoon of the 3rd ultimo, and of the office of Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency, Nagpore Circle, on the afternoon of the 5th idem.

Mr. Kiernander assumed charge of the office of Assistant Accountant General, North Western Provinces, on the forenoon of the 17th ultimo.

Mr. G. H. R. Hart is appointed to officiate as Assistant to the Accountant General, Madras.

Mr. C. E. Chapman made over charge of the office of Accountant General, Bombay, to Mr. W. E. Gordon on the forenoon of the 27th ultimo.

Mr. R. W. Ludwick, resumed charge of the office of Deputy Accountant General, Madras, on the forenoon of the 19th ultimo, and received charge of the office of Accountant General from Mr. F. Lushington on the afternoon of the 21st idem.

Mr. C. A. Stuart, Post Master of Bombay, availed himself on the afternoon of the 1st December 1869 of the privilege leave granted to him on the 21st idem, and returned to duty on the 1st March 1870.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

In cancelment of G. G. O. No. 645 of 1867, the admission of Lieutenant W. S. Nugent, 102d Foot, to the Bengal Staff Corps, will date from the 4th August 1865.

Lieutenant William Sidney Nugent, of the Bengal Staff Corps, having completed twelve years' service, is promoted to the rank of Captain, from the 12th February 1870, such to be Her Majesty's pleasure.

This cancels G. G. O. No. 191 of 1870, promoting him to Brevet Captain from the above date.

Captain W. S. Nugent, of the Bengal Staff Corps, promoted to the rank of Captain from the 12th February 1870, is permitted to retain the appointment of Adjutant of the 2nd Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force.

The services of Ensign J. A. L. Montgomery, of the 92nd Foot, 1st Wing Subaltern, 4th Sikh Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force, a probationer for the Bengal Staff Corps, are placed at the disposal of the Foreign Department.

Punjab Frontier Force.—1st Punjab Cavalry.

Lieutenant J. B. Watts, of the 1st Foot, officiating 1st Squadron Subaltern, officiating 3rd Squadron Officer, 2nd Regiment, Central India Horse, a probationer for the Madras Staff Corps, to be 2nd Squadron Subaltern on probation, vice Lieutenant D. S. Cuninghame, appointed 1st Squadron Subaltern.

That part of G. G. O. No. 875 of the 12th September 1870, appointing Lieutenant G. Swinley to officiate as 2nd Wing Subaltern, 1st Sikh Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force, is hereby cancelled.

Lieutenant Swinley will retain his appointment of 2nd subaltern, Hazara Mountain Battery.

The services of Captain H. D. Daltcart, of the Bombay Staff Corps, are placed at the disposal of the Foreign Department.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Weston Peile, of the Royal Engineers, Superintendent Engineer, Rajpootana Malwa Railway, Agra District, is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs for two years, embarking at Bombay

Lieutenant-Colonel (Brevet Colonel) A. C Plowden, of the Bengal Staff Corps, 1st Class Assistant, Staff Department, is allowed leave of absence for ten days, from such date as he may avail himself of it, to visit the Presidency preparatory to proceeding on furlough to Europe on private affairs under the Regulations of 1868.

Punjab Frontier Force.—Peshawur Mountain Battery.

Lieutenant M. J. King-Harman, 2nd Subaltern (now on furlough, to be 1st Subaltern, vice Lieutenant A. Conolly, appointed to officiate as Quarter Master, 5th Punjab Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force.

Lieutenant R. G. Fitzgerald, officiating Subaltern, No. 3 Horse Light Field Battery, to be 2nd Subaltern, vice Lieutenant King-Harman.

Nagpore Volunteer Rifles.—To be Honorary Colonel.—Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Keatinge, C.S.I. & V. C., officiating Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

Lieutenant William Brydon, of the 101st Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 42nd (Assam) Regiment of Native Light Infantry, is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the 24th December 1868, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State for India.

His Excellency the Governor-General of India has been pleased to appoint Major, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, R. Baigrie, of the Bombay Staff Corps, to be an Honorary Aide-de-Camp on His Excellency's Personal Staff.

Surgeon-Major George Ranken Playfair, M.D., is promoted to be a Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, with temporary rank, during the absence on sick leave of Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals J. Rose, or until further orders.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. H. Bull and E. J. Keelan, Assistant Engineers, 3rd grade, Public Works Department, Oudh, having passed the prescribed examination, are promoted to the rank of Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade, with effect from 3rd September 1870.

The services of Colonel G. V. Wilkieson, R.E., Officiating Chief Engineer, Mysore, are replaced at the disposal of the Madras Government from the date on which he may be relieved by Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Sankey, R.E.

Mr. W. P. Mather is appointed to the Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade, with effect from the 1st May 1870, and placed at the disposal of the Home Department.

Mr. F. Williams is appointed to the Public Works Department as a temporary Supervisor of the 1st grade, and posted to the Irrigation Branch, Punjab.

Mr. T. Login, Executive Engineer, 1st grade, Punjab, is appointed to officiate as Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Circle, Buildings and Roads Branch, Punjab, during the absence of Colonel J. D. Campbell, on privilege leave.

The appointment of Mr. A. Atkins, as a Sub-Assistant Conservator of Forests, on probation, in the Central Provinces, notified in Public Works Department Notification No. 21 F. of 23rd August last, is cancelled.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
14	Ballona (s)	Wilkinson.....	Calcutta, Sept. 25.
14	Wimbledon	Christie	Liverpool, June 15.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
14	Catherine Apear (s).	Montgomery..	Kurrachee.
	County of Nairn.....	Bain	Java.

The ship Queensberry, Torrence, to Coconada, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The steamer Burmah, to Malabar Coast and Calcutta, began to load yesterday.

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.			
10	Rangoon (s)	Smarts	Moulmein, Oct. 3.
12	Mongolia (s)	.....	Suez.
	Historian (s).....	.....	Liverpool.

MADRAS.

DEPARTURE.

Oct.		
8	Oriental (s)	Rangoon.

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Of these the Diocesan School, Byculla, and the Bishop's School, Poona, have been recognized by the Director of Public Instruction as High Schools, teaching up to the University Standard for Matriculation, and at both Boarders are received.

To enable the Board to continue and extend its work Subscriptions are solicited. They will be received by the Hon. Treasurer, Watson's Hotel, Esplanade, Bombay, or by the Hon. Secretary Parsonage, Byculla.

G. C. REYNELL,
Honorary Secretary.

Bombay, 7th June 1870.

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The Committee having secured a large upper-storied Bungalow, overlooking the Government Gardens, for the Schools, have entirely separated the two departments. For Terms, for Boarders, or Day-Scholars, &c., apply to the Head Master or Head Mistress personally or by letter.

THE WAR-TELEGRAMS

WILL BE ISSUED FROM THIS OFFICE TO-DAY AS SPECIAL EDITIONS IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BENGAL.

BIRTHS.

WILKINSON—October 1st, at Kanoo Junction, the wife of Mr. J. Wilkinson, Locomotive Department E. I. Railway, of a son.

MATHEWSON—October 4th, at Ramakistopore House, Howrah, the wife of Captain A. T. Mathewson, ship Armenian, of a son.

HAMER—October 9th, at Calcutta, the wife of Mr. J. P. Hamer, of a son.

PRICE—October 9th, at Calcutta, the wife of Charles E. Price, Esq., of a son.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTHS.

HAMILTON—October 7th, at Allahabad, the wife of Talbot Hamilton, Esq., of a son.

SHERLOCK—October 8th, at Etawah, the wife of T. T. Sherlock, Esq., Civil Surgeon, of a son.

PATCH—October 6th, at Ferozepore, the wife of Lieutenant E. Patch, S. A. C. General, of a daughter.

BEAMES—October 8th, at Landour, the wife of Captain P. T. Beames, (late) 1st Battalion 11th Regiment, of a son and heir.

MARRIAGE.

OLLIVANT—DAVIS—October 5th, at Nynee Tal, by the Rev. J. Richards, Alfred Ollivant, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, son of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Llandaff, to Mary Clementina, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel William Davis, Bengal Staff Corps, and Deputy Inspector General of Police, N. W. Provinces.

DEATHS.

BEUREN—October 10th, at Rajerpore, Richard Francis John Beuren, Esq., Contractor, Allahabad, aged 47 years.

MAITLAND—October 3rd, at Jhansie, after a short illness, of dysentery, Pelham Maitland, Esq., Assistant Engineer, D. P. W., eldest son of the Rev. Pelham Maitland of Sandwith, County of Kent, England, aged 26 years.

The Bombay Gazette.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1870.

MR. FITZJAMES STEPHEN is about to make a fresh and special attack upon the professional criminals of India. It has been long known that crime has a sort of caste in this country; and a few months ago a gang was arrested in Bombay. Although they have fixed abodes, yet they are a vagabond folk, journeying for plunder and returning home to divide the spoil. Some are petty robbers, snatchers up of unconsidered trifles, pilferers like the cadgers and gipsies in England. Others lift cattle with the skill of a Highlander of the days before Wade made his roads; and yet others organize gang robberies, and scruple at nothing. These bodies have regular chiefs and unwritten codes of law governing the distribution of spoil. They are partially communists, at least in so far as the division of loot is concerned; and their creed is that of mine Ancient Pistol. Nor are they unmindful of their gods; for they have an income-tax on the joint estate, just five-eighths per cent. heavier than Sir Richard Temple's, and the proceeds are applied to ecclesiastical purposes. The principle of division, however, is not strictly communistic. Talent is recognised, merit and enterprise are rewarded; each robber who actually "conveys" something from its rightful, or presumably rightful, owner, obtains a share over and above the common share and the share of—shall we say the Church and the Crown? For when the tax for the Church has been deducted, the robber and the chief divide equally eight and twenty per cent. of what remains, and the other sixty-eight and a quarter is equally divided amoug the whole clan. The worst part of the business is that these people cannot help being criminals. The statement will shock many people, but the truth is that the children are born in crime, initiated into crime, trained in crime. We are told on authority that as a carpenter cannot become a bunya, so a professional criminal cannot become an honest man. Probably it does not occur to him that there is anything wrong in crime, or that honesty is other than a peculiarity of the rest of the world. Although we cannot allow our perception of the fact that crime is a second nature to these tribes to bind our hands, yet in dealing with them we are bound to consider their moral or immoral state, and act differently in some respects than we should with ordinary criminals. The caste system imposes a disability on them, and they are entitled to special treatment.

Now the remedy devised by Mr. Stephen is this: "to put the tribes under supervision in such a manner as to confine them to their homes, or, at all events, to prov de the means of giving notice to persons likely to be injured by their depredations. The supervision consisted in forming a register of the members of the tribes, compelling them to reside within certain local limits, forbidding them to leave those limits without permission, and authorizing their apprehension if they should be discovered beyond them, and their transmission to the place where they ought to live. This last provision is the only one in the bill which would be made applicable to the whole of India. The provisions as to registration would apply to those provinces only which had been ascertained to form the place of residence of the tribes in question." Nor is there any novelty in the remedy. The system was tried in the Punjab, and answered very well indeed; but the professional criminals had professional or other friends; these questioned the legality of the executive rules, which were so admirable and acted so well, and the High Court having decided that the rules were illegal, the robbers and murderers were relieved from a supervision which was irksome to them! We must say this is a good specimen of that idolatry of law which is becoming a fixed faith to the profit of knaves and rascals. Of course the honest men of the Punjab cried aloud, but the knaves and rascals naturally rejoiced. One may have said—"What does the Sirkar mean by saying it is illegal to take effectual measures for the prevention of crime?" The other may have said—"Excellent Sirkar, this; puts us on an equality with the people who plume themselves on being honest and not criminal." It must surely be difficult to make the natives understand our motives and conduct; but it is not difficult to see that decisions of this kind will soon make the natives look upon the High Courts as the real Sirkar. Here were executive rules acting admirably; they are condemned and set aside, law coming in, no doubt reluctantly, as a sort of *mittrailleur* on the side of crime; and the consequence is that "an Act" has to be passed, a net woven in which it will be odd if there are no large meshes. There are objectors to the new bill, who contend that it interferes with the liberty of the tribes, and that it will lead to Police oppression. Is any law absolutely exempt from liability to the latter charge? We entirely agree with Mr. Stephen, who says that "when it comes to a question whether the criminal are to be annoyed by the police, or the public annoyed by the criminals, he prefers the first branch of the alternative." Moreover, he does not think that ordinary criminal law can cope with organized crime; what is wanted is a force specially directed to break up the organization. Such a force existed in the Punjab executive rules; but the High Court intervened and broke up the force. The executive rules are to be set forth now with all the authority derived from a decree formally passed through the High Parliament of Olympus; but it may be doubted whether the Act will be as effective as the executive rules for attaining such an exceptional object as that in view.

With regard to the second branch of the bill we leave the discussion of its provisions to that virtuous contemporary who recently inserted a shameless advertisement on the subject, much to the disgust of decent people.

ANOTHER fresh tax! Bombay has a new and pleasant evening rendezvous, known as *the* Bunder, where Mr. Hammond dispenses excellent meats and drinks. Here the dandy in his bottle-green coat, the smart subaltern in undress uniform, the sedate Judge, the engaging Civilian, scrupulously attired, and the mob of nobodies are wont to congregate. Here the sex, to whom we all bow adoringly, assemble to breathe the fresh air—when it is fresh, to gaze on the beautiful harbour, always beautiful, to talk and be talked to. But what will become of the Bunder? It is about to be a Place of Fees and Tolls. The Tax-gatherer intends to take possession by virtue of "an Act," and a fee is to be extracted from all "animals" who enter the sacred precincts. Now we are, or are supposed to be, for nothing is exactly ascertained in this phenomenal world, Animals—H. E. and the Honorable Lawmakers as well as the mob who exist, apparently, to be taxed. Indeed, in India, the verbs "to govern" and "to tax" have become synonymous. But this by the way. As all "animals" entering on the Bunder are to be taxed, we assume—under correction from the High Court—of course all men, women, and children, as well as all horses, bullocks, buffaloes, dogs, cats—whatever is animated, in short, will have to pay a fee. Pleasure is so common in Bombay, delightful or semi-delightful spots in which to congregate so numerous, that we do not wonder at the apparent determination of Government to bring them within the area of taxation. Perhaps the Act is not meant to drive everybody off the Bunder save those literally compelled to go there; perhaps the word "animal" is used in a very restricted sense, but clearly there is room for a doubt, and it *may* be open to that awful entity "H. E. the Governor in Council" to tax the pleasure-seekers on the Bunder. Well; we can wait and see what will be done, and what meaning authority has fixed on the term "animal;" if the most extensive meaning, then the Bunder will become a Place of Vexation, beset by the official mosquito, whose sting is his tax.

WE are glad to state that the Supreme Government have sanctioned the plans and estimates for the extension of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway to Veerumgaum. If due diligence be used in this Presidency the works may be commenced at an early period, and further delay avoided. The company is quite prepared to "fall on."

WE learn from the "Pioneer" that the plans and estimates of the upper section of the Indus Valley Railway have been approved of by Government, and that a vigorous commencement on the works themselves will be made during the approaching cold season.

THERE are to be two amateur theatrical performances at Poona in aid of the fund for the sufferers by the loss of the Captain. They are to be under the special patronage of His Excellency the Governor.

THEIR Excellencies the Governor of Madras and the Commander-in-Chief returned to the presidency town last Tuesday morning in order to be present at a meeting of the Council. The same evening Lord Napier returned to Bangalore for a further visit of two days.

A NOTIFICATION in the "Gazette of India" fixes Friday, the 11th November next, at 11 A.M., as the time, and the Council Chamber in Government House, Calcutta, as the place, for the next meeting of the Council of the Governor General for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

THE Act to legalize the levy of certain duties on timber imported into Moulmain, and the Act to amend the law relating to prisons in the North-Western Provinces, the Punjab, Oudh, the Central Provinces and British Burmah, and to provide rules for the regulation of such prisons, have received the assent of the Viceroy.

THE Government of India has notified that, in future, officers holding *regimental* medical charges, will, as in the case of those holding medical staff appointments, be allowed to retain such charges during the authorized periods of leave under the Furlough Rules of 1854 and 1868. The difference between the unemployed grade pay of the officer holding the substantive charge and the consolidated salary of the charge, will be considered as the staff salary divisible between the absentee and the officer officiating for him.

THE latest arrivals at Simla, says the "Pioneer," are Major-General and Mrs. Brooke Taylor, and Mr. Davies, the Chief Commissioner of Onde. "But the departure of the Viceroy and Staff gave the *coup de grace* to the social life of the place; and although a few irrepressible spirits—chiefly from the regions of the Club—organized yet one more ball on Thursday last, many of the familiar ornaments were absent, and the glories of the season are waning very fast. The Postal authorities are said to have won golden opinions by the provision of an efficient and cheap passenger service from Kalka to Umballa."

IT having come to the notice of His Excellency the Governor General in Council that at different times money has been advanced, by way of loan, to certain individuals and municipalities by local Governments and Administrations acting on their own responsibility and without obtaining the previous sanction of the Government of India, the Governor General in Council observes (in an order dated 5th Oct.) that this practice is entirely opposed to the principles of financial control. His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to rule that no advances by way of loan are to be made by local Governments and Administrations without the special sanction of the Government of India.

THE "Delhi Gazette's" Cabul diary, bringing advices from 24th to 30th September, reports to the following effect:—Sirdar Mohamed Yakoob Khan had been making himself popular in Candahar by restoring jageers to certain chiefs. He is said to be preparing to march against Cabul to oust the Amir. In Turkistan, Sirdar Abdoolrahman Khan had conquered Shar-i-Subz and had made it over to the King of Bokhara, who was highly pleased with him. Shahnawaz Khan and Surwur Khan, sons of the late Amir Auzim Khan, with six thousand troops from Persia, are said to have arrived at Kolaub on their way to join Sirdar Abdoolrahman Khan.

THE PERIM LIGHT.

WE learn from the Master Attendant's Office that a new light at Perim is about to be set up. During the change the stationary light from the Aden light ship will be substituted, and placed on the flag staff at Perim, about one hundred and fifty yards due east of the old light. This temporary light will be erected on or about the 26th October and be visible from a distance of ten miles. A smaller light will be substituted on the Aden light ship to replace that sent to Perim. It has been England that just as we are told that in the midst of life we should be prepared for death, so in the midst of peace we should be prepared for war. I am glad to say that, homeward bound as I am, I shall leave Bombay in a better state to resist attack than that in which I found you when I first come out. Through the energy of His Excellency the Governor you will very soon have a most respectable battery of heavy guns on the Oyster Rock backed by a smaller one on the middle ground. The battery on the Malabar Point will be strengthened, and with the assistance of your two monitors, which will soon be ready, I think you will be perfectly safe from any ordinary attack. I must be careful not to trench upon the duties of the gentleman who will propose to you the toast of this evening, but since the merchant service in general and our great steam ship companies in particular, are now-a-days so generally associated with us in all warlike expeditions, and since they furnish us with our principal stand-by—the Royal Naval Reserve—I hope you will excuse my expressing the great pleasure I feel in assisting at an entertainment given to celebrate a deed of valour performed by one of them, a deed showing as much true courage as many a one which, performed on the field of battle, has received a higher reward.

Captain Henry then rose for the business of the evening, and, after expressing the pleasure it afforded him to see honour bestowed on such a worthy recipient as Mr. Briscoe and to have the duty to invite together as many sailors as possible to see honour done a worthy brother-officer, he read the following resolution of the directors of the Humane Society:—

"At a General Court holden at the Society's office, Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross, on Wednesday the 13th day of July 1870, the Right Hon'ble Viscount Bury, M.P., in the chair, it was resolved unanimously—"That the noble courage and humanity displayed by Robert Francis Briscoe, chief officer Peninsular and Oriental Company's service, in having, on the 23rd April, 1870, gone down a well at Bandora Hill, Bombay, to the relief of Mr. P. A. R. Oldfield, who had been thrown therein by the upsetting of a coach, and whose life he saved, calls forth the admiration of this General Court, and justly entitles him to the Honorary Silver Medal of this Institution, which is hereby awarded.

"ARGYLL, President.
"BURY, Chairman.
"LAMBTON YOUNG, Secretary."

He also read the following extract from the general letter by the manager of the P. and O. Company, dated 19th August 1870:—

"Enclosed we beg to hand you copy of a letter from the Royal Humane Society announcing the award to Mr. Briscoe of the Silver Medal of the Society for his courage and humanity in saving life on the 23rd April last.

"The medal, and vote of thanks accompanying it, go forward by this opportunity, and we shall be obliged by your presenting them to Mr. Briscoe in a suitable manner."

The following was the letter received by the directors of the P. and O. Company from the Secretary of the Royal Humane Society:—

"Royal Humane Society, 4, Trafalgar Square, E. C., 6th August, 1870.

"Sir,—Herewith I have the pleasure of transmitting to you for presentation to Mr. R. F. Briscoe, chief officer of the ship China, belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental Company, the silver medal of this society, which has been awarded him for his great courage and humanity in having saved Mr. P. A. R. Oldfield, and tried to save some ladies who were thrown accidentally down a deep well at Bandora by the upsetting of a coach on the 23rd April last. Be so good as to have this reward presented him in as public a manner as possible, and oblige.—Your obedient servant,

(Signed) "LAMBTON YOUNG, Secretary.
"C. H. Howell, Esq., Secy. P. and O. Company."

Captain Henry then said—My Lord Chief Justice and Gentlemen,—We have assembled here this evening to present Mr. R. Francis Briscoe with the silver medal which has been conferred on him by the Royal Humane Society of England, for his gallant conduct in saving the life of Mr. P. A. R. Oldfield, who had fallen into a well at Bandora. I have been requested by the above Society to make this presentation in a public manner, and I thank you for assisting me with your presence here this evening. As some of you are now aware of the circumstances calling forth this gallant action of Mr. Briscoe, I may mention that it occurred on a dark night, by the upsetting of an omnibus at the foot of Bandora Hill, from which two ladies and one gentleman were thrown into a well. Without a moment's hesitation Mr. Briscoe, with the usual promptness of a sailor, got portions of the harness off the horses and tied them together, Then making one end fast on the top of the well he lethimself down and rescued Mr. Oldfield, but the ladies had unfortunately sunk before he could be of any assistance to them, although he made several attempts and continued his exertions till quite overcome with fatigue. (Then addressing Mr. Briscoe, Captain Henry said) I have much pleasure in now presenting you with this medal from the Royal Humane Society; and, gentlemen, I will wish you to join me in drinking Mr. Briscoe's health, and wishing him every success in life. (The toast was received with hearty applause).

(The medal, we may mention, is a beautiful piece of workmanship, Fire having been used by the ancients and moderns as the emblem of life, and its extinction as the symbol of death, the front of the medal represents a boy blowing an extinguished torch, in the hope, as expressed by the motto around, "*Lateat scintillula forsan*" —Peradventure a little spark may yet lie hid. Under that service, is an abbreviation of the inscription "*Societas Londine in resuscitationem instituta MDCCLXXIV*"—The (Royal Humane) Society established in London for the recovery of persons in a state of suspended animation 1774. The reverse of the medal bears the Roman reward for saving life; around is the inscription "*Hoc pretium cive servato tulet*"—He has obtained this reward for having saved the life of a citizen. Within the wreath is an abbreviation of the inscription *Vitam observatam dono dedit societa regia humana*—The Royal Humane Society presented this gift for saving life. And on the edge of the medal is inscribed the name of the holder, Robert Francis Briscoe, with the date, 23rd April 1870, of the accident.]

Mr. Briscoe then rose to acknowledge the presentation and toast, and in doing so said—I need not tell you, gentlemen, how much I feel the honour I have this night received in the presentation of this medal. I will not with any feeling of false modesty say that I scarcely deserved it, as I presume the medal would not have been awarded to me by the Royal Humane Society if they had not deemed me worthy of it; and I honestly confess, gentlemen, that I myself expected to get it. But I did not expect, nor do I scarcely deserve, the warm enthusiastic manner in which you have all greeted the presentation of that medal. I feel your applause deeply; the remarks also which the chairman has been kind enough to make with regard to my conduct has made me feel deeply proud. There is a feeling of sadness, gentlemen, mingled with my pride and pleasure at receiving the medal—I allude to the sad fate of those two poor ladies. I would have willingly given my right hand if I could have saved their lives. If I had been only fortunate enough to have done so how proud I would have now felt. It would be egotistical on my part were I to say anything further on the subject, as after all it was simply my luck to have been present. Any sailor could have done what I did with perfect ease. I am glad to say, gentlemen, I see dozens of sailors around me belonging to the dear old company, old friends and old shipmates, many whose plucky looks and strong right arms tell me but too plainly they would have gone and done likewise if they had been placed in the same position as I was. (Applause.) I thank you, gentlemen, for the warm way in which you have greeted the few remarks I have made. I also beg most especially to thank all the distinguished guests who have done me the honour to be present on this occasion. In conclusion, gentlemen, I will only say that I will always endeavour to prove worthy of the medal I have this night received. I trust it will ever incite me to fresh exertions to try and obtain another and higher reward which is within the reach of merchant sailors—I mean the Albert Medal. (Applause.) Ever I get a chance I think I'll try for it. I think I may safely say that I have all your good wishes that I may obtain it. (Cheers, amid which Mr. Briscoe, who had been frequently applauded, resumed his seat.)

The Hon. Sir M. R. Westropp afterwards proposed "the Peninsular & Oriental Company," coupling with that toast the name of Captain Henry, their worthy superintendent in Bombay. They had all, he remarked, been carried backwards and forwards in the steamers of the P. & O. Co., and always looked forward gratefully to the skill, care and discipline which is exercised on board these ships, in fact they felt proud to think that England had such a noble private company. As to Captain Henry, the Chief Justice remarked, every one present, he might say the half of the Europeans in India, had more or less experienced his kindness, and he might safely say there did not exist in the whole Island of Bombay a more popular man than the worthy agent of the P. and O. Co. (Applause.) He hoped never to see the day when India should not be England's, and he thought he was endorsing the sentiments of all present when he said he hoped never to see the day when the P. & O. Co. no longer should bring India to England. (Applause).

Captain Henry responded in his usual felicitous style.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gibbs proposed the health of Captain Curling of the s.s. Hindostan, remarking on his well known skill and kindness to the passengers. He would not, he said, allude further to Mr. Briscoe than to say he hoped that gentleman would soon get command and he was sure he was worthy of it.

The toast was heartily received, and Captain Curling suitably acknowledged it.

The company separated shortly afterwards.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

PER REUTER'S AGENCY.

By Indo-European Telegraph.

LONDON, 13TH OCT., 12-45 P.M.

German advices from Versailles, dated Wednesday, state that yesterday (Tuesday) Orleans was stormed and occupied and the army of the Loire driven across the river after 9 hours fighting. 1,000 prisoners were taken. Numerous skirmishes have taken place in the direction of Rouen.

The Prussians are advancing on Amiens.

Balloon news from Paris, dated yesterday, states that the population are calm and resolute.

General Bourbaki, who has left Metz, has visited the Empress (query, Emperor) by permission of the Prussians on a secret mission. He has arrived at Tours to take command.

The Queen has consented to the marriage of the Princess Louise with the Duke of Argyll's eldest son.

By British Indian Cable.

LONDON, 14TH OCT., 2-51 P.M.

News received by balloon from Paris represents the Prussian circle round the city to have been enlarged instead of being narrowed, and states that the Germans have been dislodged from numerous positions and their earthworks destroyed.

Menotti and Riccotti Garibaldi are expected at Marseilles.

The Prussians intend laying siege to the fortresses in the north of France.

The American General Lee is dead.

LONDON, 13TH OCT., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was irregular.

Fair Dhollera 6¼d.

The Bank of England returns show the following results:—

Reserve of Notes..	£12,125,000	Dec.	£ 125,000
Bills discounted ..	£16,125,000	,,	£1,125,000
Bullion	£22,250,000	,,	£ 125,000

Consols 92¼.

PARIS, 13TH OCTOBER.

Rentes 53¼.

VICTORY OF THE GERMANS AT ORLEANS.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AT BERLIN.

(*Via Russia.*)

TO CONSUL GUMPERT, Bombay.

BERLIN, 13TH OCTOBER, 12-5 P.M.

OFFICIAL FROM VERSAILLES, 12TH OCTOBER.

On the 11th, after nine hours battle, Loire army repulsed upon Orleans and over Loire. Orleans stormed; several thousand prisoners taken. Our loss proportionately small. Engaged on our side first Bavarian Corps, twenty-second Infantry, and Cavalry Division.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. China, Captain J. C. Babot, will sail from Bombay to-morrow morning for Aden and Suez with the following passengers:—

For Southampton—Mrs and Miss Hopkins and five children, Lieutenant-Col

CRIMINAL TRIBES BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Stephen moved for leave to introduce a bill to provide for the registration of criminal tribes and eunuchs. He was glad to be able to say that as far as his experience had gone, he did not think that the natives of India were by any means a peculiarly criminal people. He thought that Bombay and Calcutta might, in this respect, compare by no means disadvantageously with Liverpool and Birmingham, and he was informed that many parts of the mofussil produced far less crime in proportion to their population than parts of England. There were, however, certain parts of India, and in particular the North-Western Provinces, the Punjab, and Oudh, in which crime was carried on in a manner altogether dissimilar to anything which was known in Europe. In certain parts of the country there were tribes of criminals who carried on theft and robbery as regularly, as systematically, and with as little sense of criminality as if they were following the most legitimate pursuits. Accounts of these tribes had reached the Government from various quarters. He (Mr. Stephen) would read a few selected passages from the papers before him; but, if necessary, he could increase the amount of evidence upon the subject to almost any required amount. The following description of the habits of these tribes was given by Major Nembhard, the commissioner of East Berar—a district which did not form the home of these tribes, but was one of their principal places of resort for the purpose of plunder. After enumerating several tribes he proceeds—

"We all know that traders go by castes in India: a family of carpenters now will be a family of carpenters a century or five centuries hence, if they last so long, so will grain-dealers, blacksmiths, leather-makers, and every other known trade. A carpenter cannot drop his tools and become a *banya* or a *lohar*, or anything else. The only means of subsistence open to him other than the trade to which he is born is agriculture; but in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, if he is born a carpenter, he will live and die a carpenter.

"If we only keep this in mind when we speak of 'professional criminals,' we shall then realize what the term really does mean. It means a tribe whose ancestors were criminals from time immemorial, who are themselves destined by the usages of caste to commit crime, and whose descendants will be offenders against the law, until the whole tribe is exterminated or accounted for in the manner of the thugs.

"Therefore, when a man tells you he is a Badhak, or a Kanjar, or a Sonoria, he tells you (what few Europeans ever thoroughly realize) that he is an offender against the law, has been so from the beginning, and will be so to the end; that reform is impossible, for it is his trade, his caste, I may almost say his religion, to commit crime."

This general description was fully borne out by other evidence; but a fuller notion of the character of these tribes might be obtained from a consideration of a very full account of one of them; it took, indeed, the shape of a regular history, which had been forwarded to Government by order of the Chief Commissioner of Oudh. This tribe was called the Burwar tribe, and its home was in the Gondah district. Its history began with a very significant and characteristic myth—

"More than four centuries ago, one of the tribes was ploughing a field close to a river. A woman who belonged to the family of a rich banker came to the river bank to bathe, and having taken off her necklace of pearls of great value, put it on the ground and went into the water. A kite or crow took the pearl necklace in its claws or beak and flew away. This jewel fell into the field which the Kurmi was ploughing. He took it up, was pleased with the prize, and went home and gave it to his wife. He then thought to himself that when a third could take away such a valuable article, why should not he, who was a human being, betake himself to freebooting. After considering this matter deeply, he started on the journey, and in a short time obtained so great a wealth that all his forefathers could not have earned it by means of ploughing. Flushed with this success he spent the whole of the remainder of his life in predatory occupation, and laid the foundation of the Burwar clan. He proselytised a hundred men of his class, who after his death made further improvement in their art of freebooting. But the rest of the clan still adhered to their peaceful occupation of agriculture, excommunicated and even turned them out of their villages. The party was then small in number, and began to live a nomadic life in the groves of Putna, and subsisted on no other occupation than freebooting. As this kind of robbery, which is done openly and is termed Buryar, these men acquired the same appellation, which was afterwards corrupted into Burwar. About 250 years ago, being chased by the people and rulers of the day, these Burwars left the groves of Putna, and having separated into three gangs, one (from which the Sonoria tribe appear to have sprung up) proceeded towards Delhi; the other, who appear in the same as the Ahirias and Udhs, went to Sitapur and Hurdui; and the third to Buhroli in Zila Gorakpur."

The custom of these people, as of most of the other wandering tribes, was to live quietly for a considerable part of the year in their own district, and to spend the rest of it in wandering about the country to great distances plundering. They had a regular organization for the purpose, and their pursuits were carried on under the sanction of religion. Every Burwar child went through a sort of religious initiation on the twelfth day of his life, which was supposed to be essential to his success as a thief. When he grew up, he was a thief, as a matter, so to speak, of duty and necessity. "If a Burwar in his sound body and physical health, and without any sufficient cause, renounce his thieving profession, he is excommunicated from the brotherhood and excluded from participation in its spoils." The brotherhood, as he (Mr. Stephen) had already observed, was a regular organization. The Burwars were divided into gangs of from 20 to 50 men each under a chief, called Sehwa. "All the household expenses of the family of a Burwar of the gang are supplied on emergency by its head. While the Sehwa remains at home, looking after the families of his gang, the gang goes out to remote places for thieving purposes, and whatever property it acquires in theft, it places entirely before the Sehwa, who divides the same," according to a fixed rule, "among his subordinates. None of the gang is allowed to withhold any portion of his property from the Sehwa, who is looked upon as absolute master of the whole." At the end of the rainy season the Sehwas consult astrologers as to the most auspicious time for starting on their journey. They perform ceremonies, attend to omens, and travel in all directions and for great distances upon their business of plundering. On their return their plunder is divided according to a fixed rule. They first set aside 3¾ per cent. for offerings to their gods; of the remainder, 28 per cent. is divided between the thief and the Sehwa, and the remainder equally amongst the whole clan.

He (Mr. Stephen) had described the proceedings of these people somewhat minutely, because they might be taken as a specimen of the classes against which the proposed bill would be directed. The Burwars, however, were by no means the most important or dangerous of the criminal tribes. After all they were only petty thieves; but others, as, for instance, the Mimas of Gurgaon, were robbers and dacoits, capable of the commission of the most desperate concerted crimes. Others, as was the case with several of the Punjab tribes, were habitual cattle-stealers. Mr. Mayne, the commissioner of Allahabad, and formerly the head of the Police of the North-Western Provinces, had given a list of no less than twenty-nine tribes who lived in the North-Western Provinces and carried on criminal pursuits of various kinds. The proceedings, however, of each of these tribes had this leading point in common; they had during part of the year a fixed residence, and during other parts of it they wandered about for criminal purposes.

This fact suggested the remedy which had, in fact, been tried in the Punjab with respect to these tribes, and which it was now proposed to establish by law in that province, in the North-Western Provinces (where somewhat similar experiments have been tried), and in Oudh. The remedy was to put the tribes under supervision in such a manner as to confine them to their homes, or, at all events, to provide the means of giving notice to persons likely to be injured by their depredations. The supervision consisted in forming a register of the members of the tribes, compelling them to reside within certain local limits, forbidding them to leave those limits without permission, and authorizing their apprehension if they should be discovered beyond them, and their transmission to the place where they ought to live. This last provision is the only one in the bill which would be made applicable to the whole of India. The provisions as to registration would apply to those provinces only which had been ascertained to form the place of residence of the tribes in question.

This system was in force, and, as the Government are informed, with very good results, for about twelve years in the Punjab; but, at the end of that time, the question of the legality of the executive rules upon which it was based was brought before the Chief Court, and they decided that the rules were illegal. The result of this naturally was to put an end to the whole system, and this, in its turn, is stated by the Government to have produced very bad results. In a memorandum on the subject Sir Donald McLeod made the following remarks—

"The existing law is wholly insufficient, and I do not think that any one who has had much experience in the detection and prevention of organized crime will attempt to assert that it supplies all that is urgently required, while the remonstrances which have poured in upon the Punjab Government from Police, Deputy Commissioners, and Commissioners, and even upon Tahsildars and other members of the native community since the ruling of the Chief Court in regard to the surveillance of criminal classes was issued, sufficiently attest the difficulties which have resulted from this course."

This led him (Mr. Stephen) to speak of the objections which had been made to the rules proposed to be enacted. They might be resolved into two: one objection was that they would lead to oppression by the police, and another that they constituted an interference with the liberty of the tribes in question, and that the ordinary criminal law, which made it an offence to belong to a criminal tribe, and which enabled magistrates to take security for good behaviour from habitual offenders and persons of known bad character, was sufficient for all purposes.

With regard to the question of police oppression, he (Mr. Stephen) fully admitted that the danger did exist. He thought, however, that it might be guarded against and reduced to a minimum, and he believed that if the Magistrates worked the Act carefully, this might easily be done. That annoyance and interference would be experienced by the tribes subjected to the operation of the Act was probable, but that could not be helped. When it came to a question whether the criminals were to be annoyed by the police, or the public annoyed by the criminals, he (Mr. Stephen) would prefer the first branch of the alternative.

As to the second objection, he had always observed that English lawyers and law courts had a most exaggerated estimate of the power of the ordinary criminal law to cope with organized crime. To suppose that the ordinary processes of law would ever put down crime was like supposing that sportsman would exterminate game. The very utmost that the ordinary course of criminal justice ever had done, or ever would do, was to impose a certain amount of check upon crime, to keep it down to a certain level. A man proposing to commit a crime knew that he ran a risk of punishment, and this no doubt was a motive to a certain extent for not committing it; but all experience showed that the motive was not progressive. Ordinary criminal law did not put an end, or tend to put an end, to crime; it dammed or embanked the stream, but it neither diverted or drained it. When criminals formed, as in the case in hand, an organized class, a sort of body corporate, it was a fortunate circumstance for society, for it rendered them far easier to deal with than if they acted individually. It was possible to attack and break up the organization, and when that was done there was reason to hope that the individuals would not continue the crimes which they learned from it and carried out by its means.

This naturally suggested the question of reform—a question which had been raised by the High Court of Allahabad in a paper very lately received. This paper admitted that the legislation on the subject was necessary, but suggested that its object should be to encourage the local Governments to settle the tribes in question upon waste lands or elsewhere, where they might be gradually accustomed to a course of honest industry. He (Mr. Stephen) thought that such a course might, in many cases, be highly beneficial, but he did not see what legislation was required for the purpose. The course he apprehended might be somewhat as follows:—The local Government might inform a criminal tribe of their intention to put them under the regulations imposed by the Act. The tribe might then very reasonably enough say,—"Give us then the opportunity of living as honest men," and if the local Government were able to make a grant of waste lands, and subject the tribe settled on them to rules passed under the Act, the arrangement would no doubt be an excellent one. The bill, as framed, would enable the Government to make such rules. No bill was required to enable them to grant lands.

There was one important omission in the bill on which he (Mr. Stephen) would say a few words in order that it might not be supposed to have been made through ignorance. No provision was made for the case of wandering tribes who had no fixed place of residence during any part of the year. There were many of these tribes grain-sellers, mat-makers, and others who led a vagrant life, and who, it was said, were much addicted to crime. There was, however, this difference between them and the tribes at which the bill was levelled. The wandering tribes had, for the most part, honest occupations which were by no means a mere pretence, and which made it necessary for them to wander. Many of the grain-sellers, for instance, were exceedingly useful members of society, and though others frequently committed crimes, they did not make a regular profession of it under the rules of a regular organization like those of the Burwars or the Minas. Without stronger facts than were at present before the Government upon the subject, it would hardly, Mr. Stephen thought, be justifiable to subject such tribes to a passport system. If, however, any real necessity for such a step could be shown to exist, it would probably not be difficult to provide the legislative measures necessary to carry it out.

Mr. Stephen now came to the second part of the proposed bill which was directed against eunuchs. The subject was so disgusting that he felt the greatest reluctance in approaching it at all, and nothing but an imperative sense of duty could have induced him to refer to so loatheome a subject. The matter to which he was about to refer had been known to the Government of India for many years, as appeared from various papers on official record; but successive Governments had not seen their way to legislation, partly, perhaps, because more freedom of action was formerly entrusted to the Executive than was consistent with our present views, partly because doubts were entertained as to the proper course to take, and perhaps, to a certain extent, because of the extremely disgusting and filthy nature of the subject. Whatever might have been the cause of the delay which had taken place, Mr. Stephen was of opinion that it ought now to terminate. The eunuchs of the North-Western Provinces were as great a disgrace to human nature and to every Government which permitted their infamous association to exist as thuggee, infanticide, suttee, or any other abomination of the same sort. In plain words, it was officially proved that there existed in the provinces in question an organized association of eunuchs who carried on a system of unnatural prostitution. They perpetuated their class by kidnapping and castrating boys whom they either bought from the kidnappers or stole themselves. The boys were used for the purposes of their trade. The men solicited employment by public exhibitions of singing and dancing, often dressed as women. These facts had been proved on many occasions from 1852 (to go no further back) down to the present time. In some cases the law had been tried and convicted for kidnapping, mutilation, and other specific offences under the Penal Code, and had been punished with the severity which their crimes deserved; but the system still continued, and Mr. Stephen was convinced that it would continue till a direct attack was made upon the organization itself, apart from the punishment which would, of course, continue to be awarded to the abominable crimes in which its character was occasionally displayed. It was unnecessary to shock the Council by going into the proceedings of the North-Western Provinces Government, and the depositions of the children who had been kidnapped and mutilated were, perhaps, as frightful stories as were ever told in the world. One circumstance specially deserved notice: these wretches had a sort of king or head man, and formed a community having property. The then Inspector General of Police wrote in 1866,—"These creatures live under a government of their own; they have a king (Dilsukh Rai is his name, and he is, or was, resident in Delhi), and in these provinces Naibs or Deputy Governors at Farakhabad, Mainpuri, Jalaun, certainly, and it is believed also at Amba in the Bareli by district, and at Jounpur. Under the Naibs are Gurus who are the surgeons of the class, and their assistants who were also guardians or keepers of the boys after emasculation and until sold or apprenticed for most infamous purposes." In some instances, persons joined this association voluntarily and with a view to participation in its property.

Such were the facts with which the Government had to deal, and Mr. Stephen was of opinion that the evil was one which ought to be crushed at all hazards, and no matter who objected to the process. He did not, however, believe that any considerable section of native society, when they knew these facts, would regret or restrict the interference of Government. He thought, on the contrary, that the vast majority of the people would feel that the existence of an organized class of kidnappers and mutilators of children for such purposes as these was an affront and injury to every honest man in the country.

What, then, were the measures which Government proposed? They were that a register should be formed of all such eunuchs as there was ground to suspect of any connection with proceedings of this sort. Such registers had, in fact, been formed in many districts, as the facts were notorious, but at present the Government had no legal power to form them, and no legal consequences followed from a man being registered. The task, of course, was one of delicacy and difficulty, and it could be discharged only by the aid of local knowledge and experience. This the local Governments and district officers would, no doubt, be able to supply. The course taken would be as follows:—The local Government would be empowered and directed to form registers of such classes of eunuchs as they thought ought to be registered with a view to the suppression of the system described. It would become their duty to take care that no persons came upon the register to whom the Act was not intended to apply. Domestic servants, for instance, in Mohammadan families of rank would not be registered, and probably other classes might be exempted. When, however, an eunuch was placed on the register, he would be put under very stringent disabilities. He might be required to register his property, and would be incapacitated from disposing of it by will or otherwise, so that none of his associates would get any share of it at his death. He would be prevented from travelling without permission as a member of a criminal tribe. He would be made liable to heavy penalties if he had in his house, or in any way under his orders or control, any boy under sixteen years of age. He would be forced to account for any castrated boy under that age who might be found under his control or care, and would be presumed to have obtained possession of such boy for an unlawful and immoral purpose unless he could prove the contrary. Lastly, all eunuchs would be absolutely forbidden to appear in public in women's clothes, or to dance for hire or otherwise either in the public streets or in private houses. Stringent as such measures might be, he (Mr. Stephen) believed that nothing less would break up the infamous association to which he had described.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

THE PRISONERS BILL.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this bill is to consolidate the nine Acts which contain the law relating to prisoners confined by the order of a Court. The bill preserves intact the substance of the existing law; but some improvements have been made in its arrangement and wording.

F. R. COCKERELL.

Simla, the 20th September 1870.

THE CATTLE TRESPASS BILL.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The primary object of this bill is to consolidate the law relating to cattle-trespass, which is now scattered through three Acts,—III of 1857, V. of 1860, and XXII. of 1861. The opportunity has been taken to improve the arrangement and the wording of the law; to provide that damages awarded for illegal seizures may be recovered as if they were fines; and (with reference to the case of Reg. v Lingana, bin Giubana, 4 Bom. High Court Rep. C. C. 14) to declare expressly that a person who, through neglect, permits a public road to be damaged by allowing his pigs to trespass thereon, is liable to be fined. The cases of Reg. v. Mir Saheb Cassamia, 1 Bom. High Court Rep. 100; Reg. v. Mathur Purabotam, 4 ib. C. C. 13; and Reg. v. Ganga Kom Mhasu, 5 ib. C. C. 13, have also been carefully considered.

F. R. COCKERELL.

Simla, the 20th September 1870.

THE CORONERS BILL.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned, the Members of the Select Committee of the Council of the Governor-General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations, to which the bill to consolidate the laws relating to Coroners has been referred, have the honour to present this preliminary report.

The bill, as introduced, was intended merely to consolidate the existing law contained in two Statutes and three Acts, and it provided, in the words of 33 Geo. III., cap 52, sec. 157, that the Coroners should exercise the like jurisdictions as by law might be exercised by Coroners elected for counties in England. We have struck out this provision, which has, we conceive, necessitated constant reference to English statutes and text-books, and we have in lieu thereof codified such part of the English law of Coroners as seemed adapted to the presidency towns.

The amended bill accordingly declares the Coroner's jurisdiction to enquire into deaths by accident, homicide or suicide, sudden deaths by means unknown, and deaths of prisoners in prison. It enables him to order a body to be disinterred. It provides for summoning juries, swearing the jurors, viewing the body, summoning witnesses, and *post-mortem* examinations.

It declares that the evidence shall be taken on oath, that witnesses unacquainted with English shall be examined through an interpreter, that questions suggested by the jury shall be put, and that the Coroner shall take down the material parts of the evidence. Power is given to adjourn the inquest. When the witnesses have been examined, the Coroner will sum up, and the jury will consider of their verdict. When the verdict is delivered, the Coroner will draw up an inquisition setting forth the matters specified in section 24, and in the form given in the second schedule.

When the verdict amounts to murder, culpable homicide, or killing by a rash or negligent act (the last mentioned offence is about to be added to the Penal Code), the Coroner will bind by recognizance any person acquainted with the facts to appear at the next Sessions and prosecute or give evidence. The Coroner will also certify the recognizances and deliver them with the inquisition and evidence to the Court in which the trial is to be. He may also issue his warrant for the apprehension of the accused.

The amended bill (section 27) expressly abolishes the Coroner's jurisdiction as to treasure trove and wrecks, and declares that he shall not be liable to execute process.

The Coroner of Calcutta will, under the amended bill, be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, and not by the Governor-General in Council.

As to Coroners' juries, we have provided (section 31) that when an inquest is held on the body of a prisoner, no officer of the prison and no prisoner confined therein shall be a juror. There is a similar provision in the Schedule to the 'English Prisons' Act (28 & 29 Vic. c. 126), clause 48.

As to a Coroner's rights, we have added three clauses (33, 35, 36), one providing for repaying his disbursements for fees to medical witnesses, hire of rooms for the jury, and the like; another exempting him from serving on juries, and a third privileging him from arrest while engaged in the discharge of his official duty.

We have omitted the clause corresponding with Act XII. of 1867, section 12, as this will more fitly be placed in the Prisoners' Bill now before the Council.

We have omitted, as unnecessary, the elaborate specification of the informalities in case of which the inquisition may be amended by a Judge of the High Court. For variances between the statements in the inquisition and the evidence, Act XVIII. of 1862 (sections 1 and 57) appears to provide sufficiently.

We recommend that the bill thus amended should, before being passed, be published with this report in the *Gazette of India*, that it be sent to the Governments of Madras, Bombay and Bengal, and that the opinions of those Governments, of the High Courts at the Presidency towns of the Advocates General and of the Coroners be obtained on its provisions.

J. F. STEPHEN.
F. R. COCKERELL.

Simla, the 17th September 1870.

THE INDIAN REGISTRATION BILL.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The Indian Registration Act has now been in force for nearly five years. It has gradually been extended to the whole of British India, except Oudh and Burmah, and it has attained its two great objects,—discouraging forgery and false evidence, and creating a trustworthy record of title to immoveable property.

In 1868 it was found expedient to exclude from its operation certain instruments executed by, or in favour of, Government, and the Government of Madras has recently applied for similar legislation as regards inám title-deeds.

To consolidate and amend the law on the subject is obviously preferable to adding a fourth Act to the three in which that law is now contained. The present bill accordingly repeals and re-enacts Acts XX. of 1866 and XXVII. of 1868. It incorporates the provisions as to registration contained in the Military Cantonments Act No. XXII. of 1864, sections 10 and 45. It extends the system of registration to the whole of British India, except Oudh. It renders written authorities to adopt compulsorily registrable. It enables sub-registrars to register wills and authorities to adopt and to receive deposits of such documents. It also enables sub-registrars to institute prosecutions without the registrar's sanction; and it excludes from its operation Madras inám title-deeds.

Besides these substantial changes, the bill effects various minor amendments suggested by the practical experience gained in working the Act of 1866. These may be shortly stated as follows:—

With reference to Mr. Justice Norman's decision in *Jala Namdar* v. *Beicha Namdar*, 3 Ben. L. R., A. C. J., 394, "moveable property" has been defined so as to include juice in trees. And "addition" has been made to include, in the case of a native, his father's name.

In section 10, provision has been made for cases where there are more District Courts than one.

Section 17 has been expressly made applicable to leases of from year to year, and to those leases (common in Bengal) which merely imply a right of occupancy.

In *Narayana Swami's Pillai's* case, 4 Mad. H. C Rep. 91, Sir Adam Bittleston ruled that the provisions in Act XX. of 1866, section 21, as to the description of houses and land, are merely directory. The bill, section 22, embodies this ruling, which is clearly in accordance with the intention of the Act.

In section 32 the words 'including a presidency town' have been omitted so as to render it possible for any local Government to amalgamate in the Mofussil a registry and a sub registry office.

It has been held by the Advocate General of Bengal that section 39 of Act XX. of 1866 requires the person executing a document to appear simultaneously before the registering officer. Such requirement is obviously inconvenient and unnecessary. The corresponding section of the bill expressly provides that such appearance, if within three months from the first presentation, may be either simultaneous or at different times.

In the same section the bill expressly authorizes the registering officer to refuse to register where any person executing the document denies its execution, or where an executant appears to be a minor, an idiot, or a lunatic. This is in accordance with the views of the Advocate General of Madras.

Section 37 empowers the registering officer to require the revenue officer in whose jurisdiction any executant or witness, whose attendance is desired may be, to issue and to serve a summons requiring him to attend at the registration office. Some difficulty has been felt in Madras and elsewhere as to the power to issue this indicated, and the section has been altered by substituting for "the revenue officer" the words "such revenue or Civil Court as the Local Government directs in this behalf."

In working Part VIII of Act XX of 1866, (as to sending to the Registry Office memoranda of decrees and orders affecting immoveable property) difficulty has been found in recovering the costs of registration. The Bill accordingly provides that the party in whose favour the decree or order has been made, shall himself present and pay for registering the memorandum, and that no such decree or order shall be of any force until a memorandum thereof has been registered. Forms of memoranda are given in the first Schedule. They must be registered within four months of the date of the decree or order, and the operation of the Part is confined to cases when the subject matter is of the value of Rs. 100 or upwards.

Section 48 of that Act provides that registered instruments relating to any moveable or immoveable property shall take effect against oral agreements relating thereto. The effect of this provision is (it has been argued) that a purchaser even of any trivial article bought in a shop and handed over the counter, has against any subsequent registered purchaser a defective title. The Bill accordingly by an additional section (49) precludes the operation of the former clause as regards moveables where the agreement has been accompanied or followed by delivery of possession.

Certain decisions of the High Court at Fort William have made serious inroads on section 49 of the same Act, which declares that no instrument required to be registered "shall be received in evidence *in any civil proceeding* in any Court." The High Court has decided that an unregistered document requiring registration as affecting an interest in land is admissible in evidence in a civil proceeding for any purpose for which registration is unnecessary. The section has been redrawn, so as to preclude, it is hoped, in future, a construction so opposed to the intention of the Legislature.

Section 51 of Act XX. of 1866 prescribes the period of limitation for certain suits under a registered contract. The section has been omitted as it will find a fitter place in the Limitation Bill now being prepared in the Legislative Department.

Words have been introduced into section 53, showing clearly that the summary remedy provided on a specially registered bond is available only as against the person signing the agreement mentioned in section 52.

Section 57 has been altered so as to require the copying of such documents only as are admitted to registration.

The note taken by the Registering Officer under section 71, has been made admissible as *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated.

As regards the procedure on the deposit of wills, the Bill provides, with reference to the case of *Nagindas*, 3 Bom. H. C. Rep. 135, decided by the present Chief Justice of the High Court at Bombay, that nothing in the Registration Act shall affect the power of any Court by order to compel the production of a will for the purposes of probate. Whenever any such order is made, the Registrar will copy the will in his book No. 4, and make a note on such copy that the original has been removed in pursuance of the order.

Section 84, as to the procedure when a Registrar refuses to register or to direct registration, has been made clearer. The Court has been expressly empowered to summon witnesses and compel them to give evidence; and the discretion reposed in it as to directing registration has been limited in accordance with the views of Sir Adam Bittleston (4 Mad. H. C. Rep. 97). Appeals from orders under this section have been expressly precluded (3, Bom. H. C. Rep. A. C. J. 104).

Provision has been made for admitting to registration, within twelve months after the new Act comes into force, of jama sanads executed in Coorg.

Lastly, the sections relating to penalties have been placed in a separate Part, and the wording of the Bill has been carefully settled with reference to all the reported decisions of the High Courts on Acts XVI of 1864 and XX of 1866.

F. R. COCKERELL.

Simla, the 18th September 1870.

Le Sport, looking at operatic matters from an equine point of view, notices that in the new opera by Wagner, to be produced at Munich, there is a scene in which six horses will gallop across the stage in the midst of the flames of a mimic conflagration.

MR. INGHAM, the magistrate at Wandsworth police-court, seems to have made a very good joke on Wednesday. Margaret Scanlan and Ellen Quin were charged before him with being drunk and incapable of taking care of themselves in the Battersea-park. Elizabeth Scanlan, whose face was bruised, said it was her birthday; she met some friends and they drank together. Mr. Ingham (to Quin): "Was it your birthday too?" Prisoner: "Yes, sir." (Laughter.) Mr. Ingham: "Well, you are each fined 1s. as a birthday present." (Loud laughter.) It is a long time since anything so good as this has been heard from the bench. The joke consists in bleaching a fine, which is a disagreeable thing, to a birthday present, which is supposed to be the reverse. The extreme readiness of the worthy magistrate's repartee heightened the fun, and made laughter irresistible.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

BOMBAY.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR paid a visit to the Custom House yesterday afternoon.

THE HON'BLE J. S. WHITE, Advocate General, is expected to arrive here at the end of this month.

MR. J. O'LEARY, First Judge of the Small Cause Court, who has obtained three months' privilege leave, goes home by to-morrow's mail.

MR. JONES QUAIN PIGOT, B.A., Barrister-at-law, was sworn in on the 12th October before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Green as an advocate of the High Court.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—The October recess of the Small Cause Court commences this day (15th inst.) and will terminate on the 4th November, both days inclusive.

ELPHINSTONE HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. K. M. Chatfield, Educational Inspector Central Division, has been engaged since Monday in the examination of the Elphinstone High School.

A RAJAH, with about thirty followers, arrived here on Thursday, for the purpose of proceeding on a pilgrimage to Benares. He has for the present taken up his abode in a bungalow at Tardeo.

CURRENCY NOTES FOUND.—On Thursday a Hindoo lad, Nuthoo Mowjee, found on the market road currency notes for Rs. 100 which he gave to the Commissioner of Police, who will hand them over to the owner on application.

MEMBERS of the Boating Club will be interested in learning that their boats have arrived from Poona, whither they had been sent in the hope—not realised—that some of the members would be able to take part in the Regatta.

FALSE WEIGHTS.—Yesterday at the Girgaum Police Court, twenty-four Hindoos, retail dealers, were charged with having in their possession without satisfactory excuse false instruments for weighing. They were convicted and each fined Rs. 25, with the alternative of twenty days' imprisonment.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of the 22nd Regiment N. I., on the Esplanade this evening:—

March .....
Overture.....Il Conte d'Essex.....Mercadante.
Valse .....Blush Rose .....Godfrey.
Selection.....Dame Blanche .....Boeldieu.
Quadrille .....Grecian Bend.....Coote.
Galop .....Saucy Kate.....Crowe.

TAMPERING WITH A SAFE.—On Wednesday night some person or persons appear to have tampered with an iron safe belonging to the Fort Hydraulic Press. On the following morning when the safe was opened it was not in its proper state, and the matter was immediately reported to the police. It is supposed that some natives concealed themselves in one of the rooms that night and attempted to open the safe, but without success.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—A coroner's jury was empannelled yesterday at Byculla on the body of a girl, aged about a year and a half, and named Dhondee. It appears that the father of the girl has a stable on the verge of the Byculla Tank, where he keeps buffaloes. On Thursday afternoon her brother was milking buffaloes at the stable, when the girl was sitting on the wall over the tank. Suddenly she fell into the water. Her brother on looking into the tank saw her clothes floating near the edge, and immediately took her out alive, but she died in a few minutes. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

"MR. KESSOWJEE NAIK ACCUSED OF SWALLOWING BOMBAY."—The charge brought by Mr. Kessowjee Naik against Mr. Nusserwanjee Ardaseer Cursetjee Wadia, again came on for hearing yesterday before Mr. John Connon at the Fort Police Court. Mr. Cassumbhoy Dhurrumsey having been examined, a deal of talk took place between the counsel as to a settlement by an apology being tendered, and Mr. Peile, who appeared for the defendant, read a letter which he on behalf of his client had written to the complainant with that object. This letter, however, was not considered adequate by Mr. Mayhew, who conducted the prosecution; and the Magistrate adjourned the case for a week with the view of affording time for a settlement between the parties.

SURAT COLLECTORATE.

THE weather report of the Surat collectorate for the fortnight ending 30th September informs us that the weather was good. The crops were in good condition, and those that suffered in past weeks for want of rain were being restored more or less in some of the talookas. The public health was reported to be good, except in the eastern talookas where the usual epidemics, fever, &c., were prevalent. Cattle were free from disease.

SHIPPING AND PASSENGERS.

THE SHIP WIMBLEDON, 1,584 tons, Captain Christie, arrived yesterday from Liverpool with a cargo of coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Finlay, Clark, and Co.

THE S.S. BELLONA, 1,430 tons, Captain J. Wilkinson, arrived yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of sugar, rice, and grain, and the following passengers:—Mr. W. F. Peel, Mr. H. E. Tweeddale, and Mr. W. A. Menson. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Wallace and Co.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, 16th October.

ST. THOMAS'S CATHEDRAL, FORT.

7-30 A.M.—Holy Communion, 1st celebration.

11 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, 2nd celebration, and sermon. Hymn 347.

5-30 P.M.—Litany.

6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 15, 142, part iii, 326.

The offertories to be devoted as usual.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, COLABA.

To-morrow being the Third Sunday in the month the services will be as follows:—

7-30 A.M.—Morning Prayer.

11 A.M.—Litany, Holy Communion, celebration and Sermon.

6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SONAPORE.

7-30 A.M.—Celebration of Holy Communion, with Sermon.

6 P.M.—Evensong and Sermon. Hymns 326 (Christian! seek not yet repose), 297 (O happy band of pilgrims), and 178 (Jesu! my Lord, my God, my All).

Collections at each service for church expenses and the poor.

THE HARBOUR.

Morning Prayers and Sermon on board H. M. S. Nymph, at a quarter before 10 o'clock A.M., and on the ship Saladin, lying off the Customs Bunder, at 11 o'clock A.M., by the Rev. Wm. Brown Keer, Harbour Chaplain, S.P.G.

WEATHER REPORTS.

CARWAR, 14th Oct., 9-50 A.M.—Weather fine wind southerly, thermometer 77, barometer 29·95.

VINGORLA, 14th Oct., 10 A.M.—Weather clear, wind south-west, thermometer 77.

MANGALORE, 14th Oct., 12 P.M.—Weather fair, thermometer 80.

CANNANORE, 14th Oct., 10-40 A.M.—Weather cloudy, wind north-west, thermometer 79.

TUTICORIN, 14th Oct., 10 A.M.—Weather fair, wind south-east, thermometer 84, barometer 29·88.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH.

OFFICE—14TH OCT. 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 13th Oct., 10-30 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 6 hours 45 minutes.

Via Turkey, 11th Oct., 4-3 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 48 hours 47 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 14th Oct., 2-15 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hours 16 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 13th Oct., 12-5 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 6 hours 2 minutes.

Via Turkey, 11th Oct., 12-45 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 52 hours 57 minutes.

America via Red Sea, 14th Oct., 10-30 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 7 hours 10 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of news to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 12th to 9 P.M. of the 13th Oct., is as follows:—

	To Bombay	Max.		Min.	
From	Kurrachee	10	13	0	7
"	Calcutta	8	50	0	13
"	Madras	5	15	0	11
"	Galle	6	5	0	10

HEAVY FINE FOR ILLICIT SALE OF LIQUOR.

AT the Fort Police Court yesterday, a Parsee named Rustomjee Sorabjee was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee with illicitly selling spirituous liquor on the 13th inst. Defendant had been repeatedly fined—up to Rs. 250—for similar offences. He pleaded guilty, and was fined Rs. 300.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 14th Oct., 8 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom via Russia, 13th Oct., 1-30 P.M.; via Turkey, 12th Oct., 12-2 P.M. America, none received. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 13th Oct., 5-3 P.M.; via Turkey, 12th Oct., 1 P.M. Cable right; Turkish line right to Pera; lines beyond clear; Persian line right to London.

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, 14th Oct., 5-15 P.M.—Mail steamer from China signalled.

GALLE, 14th Oct., 8-35 A.M.—H. M.'s ship Bullfinch from Trincomallee anchored.

MAZAGON LAND COMPANY.

WE quote from the *Delhi Gazette*—"The property of the Mazagon Land Company in Bombay presents a great waste; unutilised, barren, unfruitful. A few timber stacks here and there, a small timber basin or two, and a few old powder grinding houses converted into half respectable cottages, make up the property of a company for which more than half a million sterling was paid to Government by Premchund Roychund. The company has done nothing to improve the property. Its fine sea frontage is a waste and its ground unemployed. A city of warehouses has sprung up on the Elphinstone property, while the Mazagon land has remained comparatively deserted. The reason of the above is that the shareholders of the Mazagon company were share *dealers* rather than *holders*. They fought for a rise without a thought of developing the value of their property by honest exertion. At a late meeting there was a great outcry for a larger dividend, and it was declared that the best way to secure it was by reducing expenditure. No sign was made that the true object of the company was to attract business, which can only be done by improving the waste land belonging to it."

AN EXPLANATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—You are generally just in your criticisms—(I cannot say always, for of course I have my pet little prejudices over which you do trample aggravatingly sometimes)—but, generally, you are just. I do not know, therefore, why your article of yesterday showed so great a want of discernment as to the meaning of "C. E." in the sentence you quote. I suspect, Mr. Editor, you did not read that gentleman's series all through; and no wonder! The array of figures did not look inviting, unless one had an interest in the subject. Now, I have. I have heard much of the question at home, and I would like to see justice done to it here, especially by you; for, to half the unthinking people in society, a leading article in a leading journal is a kind of oracle whose dicta they accept, and take no further trouble to enquire.

In your generosity allow me to criticize your criticism. You isolate a paragraph, and from it draw the deduction that "C. E." estimates a railway on the 2 ft. 8 in. gauge at £500 a mile! Ridiculous certainly; but I could isolate other passages, and they would look still more absurd; for example, that sentence in paragraph 65 where "C. E." makes "the singular result of bringing out the cost of a 2 ft. 8 in. railway system of India as seven millions less than nothing." Now, on reading the above, I should never have thought of saying anything so polite as you do in repudiating the supposition that "C. E." "had the least intention to delude or catch the suffrages of the thoughtless." (Was that severely ironical to poor "C. E." ?*) No, I only reflected that "C. E." most probably was not an abject idiot, and therefore one might presume he meant *something*; more especially as just above I had read in his 61st paragraph a distinct summary of first cost of standard, int

THE LAST SIEGE OF PARIS.

(All the Year Round, Sept. 17.)

In 1814, taking a natural advantage of Napoleon's disasters, which culminated at the Beresina and at Leipzig, the Allies crossed the Rhine, mustering, with their reserves, scarcely less than half a million of men. The Emperor, to meet these hordes, had only eighty thousand soldiers, but he instantly, with his usual almost supernatural energy, ordered a levy of two hundred and eighty thousand conscripts, determining to, form a camp of one hundred thousand men at Bourdeau, another at Metz, and a third at Lyons.

The grand running fight and the terrible blows Napoleon dealt his adversaries, we shall sketch in a future article; in the present we must pass on rapidly to that moment of reverse, when, outnumbered and yet not disheartened, Bonaparte stationed himself at Rheims, hoping for an insurrection of the peasants of Alsace, and waiting for Suchet's arrival at Lyons from Catalonia. It does not appear from the plan of the campaign that Napoleon ever relied much on the inhabitants of Paris, torn asunder, as they were, by internal factions fomented by his enemies. It is true he had embodied thirty thousand National Guards, but he had not armed more than a third of them, being no doubt distrustful of their fidelity in the hour of need. He had also ordered, it is said, two hundred cannon for the defence of the northern and eastern lines, but these also were not all forthcoming. But his presence was worth ten thousand cannon, and he only needed that Paris should hold out till he flew to cover her with his ægis. His resolve was at once taken not to venture between Blucher and Schwartzenberg, and so on either flank be outweighted, but to break through their line, strengthen his army with the garrisons from the frontier fortress and the sturdy peasantry of Alsace and Franche-Comté, and so to strike them swiftly from behind. Above all, he wished to draw Schwartzenberg after him, till he could turn upon him and rend him limb from limb. If Paris only made stubborn resistance, then Napoleon hoped to shut in the Allies between the capital and the bayonets of his army.

In the meantime, Marmont and Mortier retreating to Paris, the Allies approached the beautiful city of the Seine by three routes, those of Meaux, Lagny, and Soissons. On this the north-eastern front, even before the fortifications of Louis Philippe, Paris was naturally strong. The heights on the east side of Paris rise abruptly from a plain, and form a narrow ridge, like a wall, sudden and steep. The south end of this natural rampart rests upon the wood of Vincennes, and extends southwards to the banks of the Marne. This part of the heights derives its name from the villages of Belleville and Romainville, the first being the nearest to Paris. The woods, studded with villas, are dappled with gardens, orchards, vineyards, and plantations, great resorts of the strolling Parisians. In advance of the heights is the village of Pantin on the high road to Bondy. To the left of Romainville is a projecting eminence called the Butte de Saint Chaumont. There the ridge sinks and admits an aqueduct called the Canal de l'Ourcq. The ground then rises to the hill of Montmartre, that steep and quiet part of Paris well known to all travellers.

The extreme right of the French force held the wood of Vincennes and the village of Charenton-on-the-Marne. The centre occupied the heights of Romainville and Belleville. It was protected by the village of La Villette, and a strong redoubt with eighteen guns on the farm of Ronuvroi and on the canal embankments, and also by clumps of guns in the rear on the heights of Montmartre. The left wing was thrown back from the gardener's village of Monceaux, near the north-west extremity of the heights, and stretched to Neuilly-on-the-Seine, where the extreme left lay. The French, therefore, rested on the Seine and Marne in a strong semicircle, posted on steep heights that could not be turned, and guarded by well-flanked but insufficient cannon.

The other side of Paris is low and helpless, but then the Seine has to be crossed before it can be attacked in that quarter. The Allies, afraid of Napoleon, wanted to take Paris at once before it could be relieved. They therefore resolved on a storm, and not on a slow and scientific blockade.

The citizens of Paris, who already since the Allies crossed the Rhine had been three times threatened, betrayed no alarm at hearing that the Cossacks, who were to the Allies what the Uhlans are in the present war to the Germans, had been seen at Meaux. Indeed the Parisians, thoughtless as children, are not easily persuaded of danger in such cases, and not easily comforted when the danger arises; but the bandaged and groaning sufferers at Marmont's and Mortier's divisions soon convinced them that war with all its horrors was approaching. Soon after the wounded arrived, the country people came crowding in, their carts full of bedding and household goods, themselves pale and paralysed with fear of the invaders.

In the meantime, Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's regent, did his best to encourage the people of Paris with lies. The city was pronounced impregnable; the zeal and patriotism of the bourgeois were to make it another Saragossa. The assailants were only a few Prussians, who had by accident stumbled on Paris while the Emperor was breaking the back of the enemy at Vitry and St. Dizier. Above all a grand review was held on the Sunday preceding the assault to cheer the people. In the great court of the Tuileries there assembled eight thousand men, the garrison of Paris, under General Girard, and thirty thousand National Guards under Hulin, the governor of the city. They passed into the Place de Rivoli, followed by their train of artillery, their bearded and aproned pioneers, their waggons for baggage and ammunition. Marmont's and Mortier's men were kept outside the barrier at the defences, as the citizens were not to observe their reduced numbers and their dilapidated uniforms.

In the meantime, Marie Louise, never very energetic or bold, took her husband's advice, and left Paris, with her ill-fated son, guarded by seven hundred men. The civil authorities also scrambled off with the crown jewels and public treasure, first destroying the records of the Central Police Bureau. On the morning of the 29th of March, Joseph issued a proclamation among the citizens of Paris "that he would remain with them." True to his old falsehoods, he described the enemy as a mere straggling column from Meaux, and begged the Parisians to sustain the honour of the French name by a brief but valorous resistance till the Emperor, who was in full march to their succour, should arrive. The next morning between three and four o'clock by the cold dull light, the drums beat to arms, and the National Guards assembled, but arms were still deficient. The men were kept within the barrier till about eleven o'clock, and then marched to the heights to form a second line, more for appearance than use, behind the regular troops. The picked men, who had seen service, or were accustomed to the use of arms, were drafted off as sharpshooters, and several battalions were stationed to strengthen weak spaces in the lines.

As to the strength of Paris, M. Thiers has given the following testimony:—"The half circle of heights," he says, "from Vincennes to Passy, encloses the most populous and richest part of the city. From the confluence of the Seine near Charenton to Passy and Auteuil the heights—sometimes en plateau, as at Romainville, sometimes saillant, as at Montmartre—afforded a chance valuable because it was known before a patriot king covered these positions with impregnable fortifications." To the south and south-east of the semicircle, keeping on the right bank of the Seine, are Vincennes, with its forest and castle, the encampments of Charonne, Menilmontant, and Montreuil. Adverse forces on this side, unless they previously seized the plateau of Romainville, would be almost entirely, says M. Thiers, cut off from communication with the army on the north-east. If the plateau were disregarded, then a defensive force could fall on the flank of a careless enemy coming from Vincennes, or on the flank of an invading column crossing the plain of St. Denis with the design of attacking the barriers of La Villette, St. Denis, and Montmartre. This latter column, coming from the north-east across the plain of St. Denis, meets, of necessity, the hillock of St. Chaumont and the heights of Montmartre, Belleville, and Passy; and should this column advance too far in the direction of Etoile it would run the risk of being brought to a stand in the Bois de Boulogne, and thrown into the Seine, thanks to the retrograde sweep the river makes from St. Cloud to St. Denis.

Such the leaders at Paris were inept. They threw up no barricades. General Trochu, wanting in energy, had hardly horses enough to drag his two hundred cannon from Vincennes. The carriages were bad; the ammunition scanty. Of the thirty thousand National Guards, Moncey could only arm six thousand. The redoubts before the gates were mere "tambours" of palisades. On most of the soldiers were only twenty-four or twenty-five thousand to oppose nearly two hundred thousand. The fifty or sixty thousand volunteers with fowling pieces, who could have been got together, were never called upon. All was confusion, excitement, and distrust. There was no real belief in the possibility of a successful resistance. The Parisians were only making that sort of bragging clamour that precedes the desertion of a camp. The Minister of War, who ought to have commanded, confided to Marmont the south and east of the heights, that is, the avenue of Vincennes, the barriers of Trône and Charonne, the plateau of Romainville, and a portion northward behind this plateau as far as Près St. Gervais. Mortier took the left—that is, the plain of St. Denis—the space between the Canal of the Ourcq.

The allied sovereigns arrived on the evening of the 29th at the chateau of Bondy, and resolved to attack Paris by the right bank of the Seine, so as not to have to repass the river in case of repulse. They planned three simultaneous attacks. That on the east under Barclay de Tolly, with fifty thousand men, was to carry by Passy and Pantin the plateau of Romainville; that on the south, under the Prince Royal of Wurtemburg, with about thirty thousand troops, was to pour through the wood of Vincennes, on the barriers of Charonne and the Trône; the third by the north, in the plain of St. Denis, was to be headed by grim old Blucher himself, and to march on the right of Montmartre, Clichy, and Etoile.

On the French side, Marmont had to scale the escarpments of Charonne and Montreuil, and establish himself on the plateau of Romainville; while Mortier traversed the exterior boulevard from Charonne to Belleville, and descended by Pantin, La Villette, and La Chapelle, and reaching the plain of St. Denis, established his right wing on the Canal of the Ourcq; his left at Clignancourt, at the foot of Montmartre.

Marmont, misled by an officer, was mortified to find the Russians in possession of Romainville. With twelve hundred men of the Lagrange division, however, he threw himself on the enemy's rear-guard, and drove them hotly back on Pantin and Noisy. At the same time the Ledru des Essart division swarmed into the wood of Romainville, which closes the flank by the heights bordering the plain of St. Denis. He then distributed his troops; he posted the Duke of Padua and his division on his right, at the extreme edge of the plateau of Romainville in the tallest houses of Bagnolet and Montreuil, where the villas and gardens slope like the side of an amphitheatre. At the centre of the plateau he drew up the Lagrange division, backed by the houses of Belleville; the Ricard division he placed on the left in the wood of Romainville, and at the northern declivity the Ledru des Essart division. At the foot in the plain at Près St. Gervais stood the Boyer de Rebeval division, while the Michel division guarded Villette. The cavalry was ready between Charonne and Vincennes. About eight o'clock the listener at the barriers heard the musketry begin to rattle and the cannon to roar. Dull Joseph, accompanied by the war minister, the minister of police, the engineer, and artillery officers watched the conflict from Montmartre as Jove watched the Trojan battles from Olympus.

Barclay de Tolly, vexed at his repulse, now resolved to retake Romainville, and called up his reserve. General Paskiewitch, with a brigade of grenadiers, was to scale the plateau on the Rosny side, while Count Pahlen's cavalry, and another brigade of grenadiers, attacked it on the south by Montreuil. Prince Eugène of Wurtemburg, in the meantime, was to assail Pantin. General Mezenzoff, who had been repulsed in the morning, pushed forward his stubborn grenadiers, forced back Lagrange's division, and won the height. On the right the Russian brigade also turned the plateau by Montreuil and Bagnolet, outflanked the Duke of Padua, and drove him backwards after a hot fight. The Russian cuirassiers, driving along the plateau, tried to charge the French infantry, but were repelled by the storm of fire from the hedges of bayonets. As the French fell back to Belleville, the narrower plateau gave them more concentration. On the right the Strailleurs threw themselves for cover behind the houses of Bagnolet, on the left into the wood of Romainville. The French batteries, served by mere Polytechnique lads with skill and devoted courage, kept up a most determined and sustained plunging fire, and the grey coats withered before it. Ledru des Essart's Young Guard had also reconquered, tree by tree, the wood of Romainville, and thus outflanked the Russian troops on the wider part of the plateau. At the foot of the plateau, on the north side, General Campin was still master of Pantin, with the aid of the Boyer de Rebeval division, and the Michel division still held Près St. Gervais, and the Prince of Wurtemburg, who had tried to wrest back the two villages, had been driven off.

Marshal Mortier had already taken up his position on the plain of St. Denis. The Curial and Charpentier divisions of the Old Guard were at La Villette; the Christiani division at La Chapelle, and the cavalry at the foot of Montmartre. If the French line had now, they cried, only ten thousand more men to take the offensive, they could have given the Allies a severe check, and Schwartzenberg, waiting for his two wings still at the rear, confined himself to cannonade and intermittent sharpshooting.

At this hour, Joseph, informed that the soldiers would die to the last man, but that it was almost certain the capital would soon be surrendered, and seeing two more masses of Russians pushing to fresh attacks, fled to Paris, leaving his ministers to follow, having already heard that some Cossacks had been seen on the Revolte route, and even on the borders of the Bois de Boulogne.

On the north, Blucher was already advancing over the plain of St. Denis. General Langeron had driven the weak French vanguards from Aubervilliers and St. Denis and pushed on his cavalry and light infantry, by La Revolte, near to the edge of the Bois de Boulogne. The bulk of the Prussian infantry advanced to the line of Montmartre, while General York's corps, on the left of the Allies, advanced on La Chatelle, and the corps of Kleist and Woronzoff, still more to the left, bore down on La Villette. At Prince Schwartzenberg's request, Blucher now sent the Prussian and Baden guards to help Prince Eugène to carry Pantin, Près St. Gervais, and the other obstinate villages at the foot of the Romainville plateau, and they moved to his assistance across the Ourcq Canal, and near the Ronuvroi farm.

The Prince Royal of Wurtemburg was also moving forward to help to seize the final trophy of the Allies. Crossing the bridge of Neuilly-sur-Marne, and leaving Guilay's corps to guard his rear, the prince had pushed on in two columns, the one skirting the banks of the Marne, the other crossing quickly through the forest of Vincennes. The first column, carrying the bridge of St. Maur, made a circuit round the forest and attacked Charenton by the right bank. The brave National Guards, who tried to defend the bridge at Charenton with l'Ecole d'Alport, finding their rear in danger, abandoned the position, and pushed across the country to the left of the Seine to burn powder more usefully elsewhere. The German column having occupied all the bridges of the Marne, then began its skirmish with the National Guard before the Bercay barrier. The prince's second column, marching straight for the bridge of Vincennes, hurried to the help of Count Pahlen's men, and Rajefsky's and Paskiewitch's regiments, who were already attacking Montreuil, Bagnolet, and Charonne.

The allied forces were now in line, and the firing commenced in real earnest. To the north Prince Eugène, backed by the Russian grenadiers and Blucher's loan of Prussian bayonets, fell on Pantin and Près St. Gervais, and grappled with the Boyer de Rebeval and picked divisions of the Young Guard. The French driven out, rallied, however, at the foot of the height, and supported by well-posted artillery, returned to struggle for the unhappy villages.

On the plateau of Romainville there was equally hard fighting, but the French had not the same fortune. The troops of Generals Nelfreich and Mezenzoff, and the grenadiers of Paskiewitch, though at first repulsed, seized Montreuil and Bagnolet, planted themselves on the southern declivity; seconded by Count Pahlen's men and the Prince Royal, who was between Vincennes and Charonne, they took possession of the nearest houses of Menilmontant, on Marmont's right, and the Duke of Padua's reserve being thus outflanked, fell back and uncovered the Lagrange and Ricard divisions, which, while on the French left the Ledru des Essart division, beaten from tree to tree, lost foot by foot the wood of Romainville they had a little before conquered. Pressed on both flanks, Marmont struck a bold blow for life rather than for victory. He threw himself in front of four battalions, formed in column, and pushed like a battering-ram straight at the Russian centre. Twelve cannon loaded with grape gave a rude welcome to the intruders, Marmont being at the same moment attacked in front by the Russian grenadiers, and in flank by the heavy cavalry, under Miloradowitch. The four French columns fell back after a furious hand-to-hand fight. Marmont was already weighed down by his assailants, when a daring officer, named Ghesseler, broke from a wood with two hundred men, and rushed at the Russian columns, to give time to Marmont to retreat towards Belleville.

Brave as the French resistance had been, they were every where overweighted and outnumbered. The wood of Romainville was lost, the plateau taken. The centre forced to Belleville, was bleeding at every pore. At the foot of the hill the Boyer and Michel division had lost Pantin. In the plain, too, hard work was going on. Kleist and Woronzoff had attacked the Curial division defending La Villette. York, while defying Marmont, struck at the Christiani division; Langeron and the French General Belliard's cavalry kept Blucher's tough squadrons employed; and along the line from St. Denis to the Barrière du Trône, the Allies, according to Thiers, had lost already ten thousand men, the French six thousand.

Belleville was the key of the heights, still held out. Marmont had there gathered together his field artillery, and the wrecks of the Lagrange, Ricard, Padua, and Ledru des Essart divisions, and sent word to Joseph that he saw no reason yet to surrender. But Joseph never got the message; he was already off at full speed, afraid of being captured by the Allies.

The first to coming, Prince Schwartzenberg ordered two attacking columns to advance to strike the last blow, one towards the south, between Menilmontant and Père la Chaise, so as to cut off Belleville from Paris, the other by the north, to seize, at whatever cost of life, Près St. Gervais, la Petite Villette, and the Butte de St. Chaumont, and then join the other columns. The Allies dreaded the return of Napoleon, and the blow of despair he might strike. About three in the afternoon Brigadier Paixhan placed eight heavy guns beyond Charonne on the declivity of Menilmontant, four more on the north reverse by Belleville, and eight on Chaumont. His gunners were old men and boys. They waited with terrible calmness for the masses of Russians and Germans who began to advance by Charonne in front opposite Belleville, and by the north through Près St. Gervais. The enemy pushed on doggedly, though their front ranks were mowed down by the relentless fire, and attacked Marmont in the rear. The Russians then ascended Chaumont, carried the hillock, which was undefended by infantry, and joined the column from the south, thus placing themselves between Belleville and the barrier.

Upon this, to prevent being cut off from Paris, Marmont collected his forces, and, supported by Generals Pallepon and Meynadier, and Colonel Fabvre, rushed on the Russian grenadiers, already beginning to enter the chief street of the Temple Faubourg. There he broke and drove back beyond the barrier, and he then resumed the defence at the octroi wall.

Mortier, in the plain of St. Denis, between La Villette and La Chapelle, was also almost hopeless, though still keeping a brave front to the enemy, when a message arrived from the Duke of Padua. The Curial and Charpentier divisions at La Villette on his right were now in the centre of a whirlpool of Russians and Germans. Maddened at this, Mortier rushed with part of the Christiani division of the Old Guard from La Chapelle, and wheeling these bayonets swiftly from left to right, bore down on La Villette, and drove out the Prussian Guard with cruel carnage. But masses more came deluging back, taking Grande Villette in the rear by the Canal of the Ourcq, and, clearing a passage between La Villette and La Chapelle, drove Mortier over the plain back on the barriers of Paris. At the same moment, Langeron, a French renegade, advanced towards Montmartre, expecting to have to fight his way through with swindge of grape, but finding the heights silent, triumphantly wrested from a handful of sappers the few pieces of artillery that had been placed there. He then marched on to the Clichy barrier, which the National Guards, under Marshal Mouton, were bravely defending. As M. Thiers says eloquently, "when he reaches this point in his history: "Such was the termination of two-and-twenty years of victory. The triumphs at Milan, Venice, Rome, Naples, Cairo, Madrid, Lisbon, Vienna, Dresden, Berlin, Warsaw, and Moscow, now closed disastrously before the walls of Paris." The present twelve leagues of walls and sixteen citadels were not yet built. There were no barricades ready. The octroi wall could not resist the storm. Thus, after one day's fighting, fell the gay city.

Marmont, willing to spare the city ruin and bloodshed, sent three officers to Prince Schwartzenberg to propose terms. At that moment General Dejean arrived breathless to announce that Napoleon would appear within two days with six hundred thousand men, and, therefore, to resist at any cost, or to cajole the enemy by a sham parley. But it was too late; the imperial star was waning. Fortune had hidden Bellerophon in the bay